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HON. CHARLES JOHN ALFRED ERICSON.

America is often spoken of as the land of opportunity. That it is so is a fact which finds proof in the history of such men as the Hon. Charles John Alfred Ericson, men whose privileges in early life were limited, but who found in the conditions of the new world the chance to work upward. While success came to Mr. Ericson in large measure, the attainment of wealth was never the ultimate aim of his life and as he prospered he gave freely of his means for the benefit of his fellowmen, for the upbuilding of schools and the dissemination of knowledge in various other ways. Few have recognized more fully the duties and obligations of the individual toward his fellows, and the news of his demise carried with it a sense of personal bereavement to the great majority of his fellow citizens in Boone county and among his colleagues in the state senate.

Mr. Ericson was born March 8, 1840, in Sodra VI parish, near Vimmerbi, province of Calmar, Sweden. His father, Erik Nilson, was born August 2, 1804, and his wife, Catherine Clemetson Nilson, was born October 9, 1803. They had three children: Nils P. Peterson, who was born in 1825 and who, learning the paper manufacturer's trade, adopted the name of his employer as was the custom of that time; Gustaf Adolf, born in 1829; and Charles John Alfred, born March 8, 1840. The father was a farmer and freeholder in his native province, where he remained until 1852, when he came with his family to the new world, settling near Moline, Illinois, where he engaged in farming and fishing, as he had done in Sweden. Subsequently he removed to Webster county, Iowa.

Charles John Alfred Ericson was a youth of twelve years when the family came to the United States and his education, begun in Sweden, was continued in the public schools of Rock Island county, Illinois. It was in 1845 that the first Swedish immigrants left Calmar for the new world, and in 1849 S. P. Svenson, an uncle of Mr. Ericson, became a resident of New Sweden, Jefferson county, Iowa. The following year another uncle, O. Clemetson, took up his abode at Andover, Henry county, Illinois, and both wrote glowing accounts of the opportunities on this side of the Atlantic. The father, Erik Nilson, was further induced to come to America by the reports sent back by his two sons, Gustaf A. and N. P., who had settled near Moline. As stated heretofore, the father with his family made the long voyage, bidding adieu to home and friends on the 4th of April, 1852. They crossed the Atlantic in one of the oldtime ships, on which were one hundred and fifty immigrants. They were to pay twenty dollars

passage for each member of the party and furnish their own food. The fresh water was carried in huge wooden casks and every morning about a quart was measured out to each person. They came in sight of New York on the 19th of July. One of the first experiences of Mr. Ericson was getting lost in New York. He and his father, with others from the ship, started out to see the city. At length, attracted by the music of a brass band, they followed on and on, thinking to remember the turning points in their course by certain signs, such as a lion and gilded clock, but they found that they could not make their way back to the ship and wandered around for hours. At length a kind-hearted man, understanding something of their dilemma, led them to one who could speak their language and within fifteen minutes they had been escorted back to their ship—tired and weary, for they had walked miles in linsey-woolsey clothing on a hot July day without anything to eat. The next morning the family proceeded up the Hudson river to Albany and thence went by rail to Buffalo, where they boarded a steamer bound for Dunkirk. From that point they continued by rail on to Chicago and by a canal-boat went to Peru, Illinois, where they hired teams to take them to Andover, twenty miles from Rock Island, where they found the first Swedish settlement. The trip, especially across the country, was a very hard one and it was not until the 1st of August, 1852, that they reached their destination near Moline, joining there the two elder brothers of Charles J. A. Ericson.

For a few years thereafter the last named worked for his brothers and relates that his first lesson in English was to repeat, when sent on an errand to a neighbor, "Mr. Ericson sent me here to get your spade." He was afterward taught to drive three yoke of oxen to a breaking-plow and for two seasons he operated a ferry-boat across Rock river and also worked on a farm. He was afterward employed to run a stationary engine in a sawmill and flour mill and still later clerked in a store in Altona, Illinois. A brother, who had previously removed to this state, advised him to come to Iowa, which advice he followed. He was at that time in possession of about four hundred dollars saved from his earnings, and this he invested in a stock of general merchandise, which he opened at Mineral Ridge, Boone county. The wholesale merchants with whom he first dealt, unasked by him, offered him credit, recognizing in his face the stamp of honesty, which was current coin with him throughout life. In time his business at Mineral Ridge grew and further activities were manifest in service as post-master at that town. In 1870 he removed to Boone and for some time continued merchandising, building up the largest business at that time in the county. In 1872 he assisted in organizing the First National Bank of Boone, of which he was elected vice president, and upon closing out his store in 1875, he became cashier of the bank, which surrendered its charter and was reorganized as the City Bank of Boone in 1878. Later he succeeded to the presidency of the institution and so continued until his death. He deserved great credit for what he accomplished in a business way. On one occasion he said, "What little success I have attained I attribute to three things; first, honest and fair dealings with every man; second, refraining from speculations and investments in outside enterprises, but attending strictly to my own business; and, third, making my word as good as my bond." These rules which he laid down for himself were strictly adhered to and no one ever questioned the integrity of his motives and on no occasion did he ever attempt to over-reach another in a business transaction. His prosperity was the direct

and merited reward of his labors, and his entire business career proved the fact that success and an honored name may be won simultaneously.

Aside from his business, there were many interesting features in the life record of Mr. Ericson. He was married twice. In 1858 he wedded Miss Matilda Nelson, and they became parents of two daughters, Alice and Lorena. In 1873 he was united in marriage to Miss Nellie Linderblood, who died in 1899. He had pleasant fraternal relations with his brother Masons, holding membership in Mount Olive Lodge, No. 79, A. F. & A. M.; Tuscan Chapter, R. A. M.; and Excalibur Commandery, No. 13, K. T.; in all of which he held prominent offices, serving as treasurer of the Commandery from the early period of his residence in Boone until his death.

It was his political career that perhaps won Mr. Ericson widest fame, yet who can say upon what line his life reached out in greatest helpfulness, for he assisted many philanthropic and public projects, was a friend to the poor and needy and gave hearty cooperation to many plans and projects for the public good.

The first office which Mr. Ericson held was that of postmaster of Mineral Ridge, and he also served in other local positions, including that of road supervisor, school director, school treasurer and township clerk. After his removal to Boone he was elected to represent his ward in the city council, was elected for several terms to the office of city treasurer and was president and treasurer of the school board.

In 1871 higher political honors came to him in his election on the republican ticket to the fourteenth general assembly, in which he served during the regular session and through one extra session, which was called in 1873 to revise the code. Twenty-four years later, while a member of the senate, he also rendered aid in code revision. In 1895 he was elected senator, serving through six regular sessions and one extra session. He did important committee work as a member of the ways and means committee and as chairman of the committee on claims in the twenty-sixth and twenty-seventh general assemblies. He was later made chairman of the committee on public libraries and in the thirty-second general assembly he was chairman of constitutional amendments and suffrage. During the last three sessions he served on the committee on banks. Many tangible evidences of his public spirit may be cited. It was he who introduced and secured the passage of the bill, whereby corporations are taxed twenty-five dollars for the first thousand of capital stock and an additional dollar for each one thousand thereafter; not, however, to exceed three hundred and fifty dollars for any one corporation. In the twenty-seventh general assembly he introduced a bill reducing the interest on state warrants from six to five per cent. His efforts, however, concentrated largely upon the development and support of the historical department, public libraries and the Agricultural College through legislative enactment. He introduced the bill for the establishment of good roads, becoming a pioneer in inaugurating that movement. Twice he introduced bills for the protection of birds, their nests and eggs. W. C. Hayward, secretary of state, said: "During three of the five sessions that I served in the state senate, Hon. C. J. A. Ericson was a member of that body. We were both members of the ways and means committee, and both lived, during the session, at the Savery Hotel and I then had an opportunity of becoming quite well acquainted with him. He was a large man in every way, physically and intellectually. He was of fine appearance and of

the most kindly disposition. He took a special interest in educational affairs and was a firm and steadfast friend of our educational institutions. He was a careful and considerate man, one of whom it could be said that he was 'safe and sane'; at the same time he was in every sense of the word 'progressive' and an advocate and supporter of all progressive measures along reasonable lines. He was mild and pleasant in manner, but, at the same time, firm and unyielding in support of what he deemed to be right. A splendid, big strong man. It was a distinct loss to the state he loved so well when he passed away." Warren Garst wrote of Mr. Ericson: "My people moved to Boone in June of 1866. Almost from the first the name of Mr. Ericson became a household word on account of the prominent position he held in that community. It was not strange, therefore, when I became associated with him in a legislative way I should remember the earlier impressions I had received in the community in which we then lived. I found Senator Ericson to be a powerful force in all remedial legislation; always throwing his influence and vote to any cause he thought to be for the betterment of society. He was especially active and exceedingly fortunate in formulating plans to increase the revenues of the state from sources that would not be burdensome and at the same time would be greatly remunerative. As I remember it, under the old law any incorporation organizing in Iowa was required to pay a mere nominal fee into the coffers of the state. Senator Ericson introduced a bill that changed this and we now have had instances where very large corporations have paid many thousands of dollars in single fees.

"He also introduced and secured its passage through the senate, a bill to tax corporations through an annual fee. Senator Ericson figured that if his bill became a law it would add to the revenues of the state from one hundred and fifty thousand dollars to two hundred and fifty thousand dollars annually. It is not my purpose to go into the discussion of this proposition as to its justice or fairness, but I was then and am now in thorough sympathy and accord with Senator Ericson's position.

"While Senator Ericson was seeking every way to secure additional revenues for the state, through any of the then established means, he was liberal with suggestions as to distribution. He was anxious to see the great agricultural school at Ames become one of the leading institutions of this character, not only in this country, but in the world. His success along this line is best attested by what this great institution is doing and is. He always had a great interest in the history of the state, and perhaps it is more due to him and his untiring energy than to that of any other man that we have the magnificent Historical building, which is an asset of state-wide importance, for it seems to me that no man, woman or child can visit this elegant structure without having a greater pride and a greater love for this great state. I have no disposition to go into detail as to Senator Ericson's legislative experience. I am indeed glad to have the opportunity to say to the people of Iowa that, while there have been men who have perhaps been more conspicuous, there has been no man who has done more along material and ethical lines than the Senator from Boone." Again we quote, this time from the *Iowa Library Quarterly*: "He was deeply interested in the work of the Iowa Library Association, having served as vice president of that body, and repeatedly on legislative committees, attending the annual meetings regularly. His presence will be greatly missed, as well as his advice and counsel. Senator Ericson

was a man of gentle character, with strong friendships and deep convictions. His place is not likely to be filled again in the library circles of the state or in the hearts of those whose friendship he had gained."

One of Mr. Ericson's most generous gifts to Boone was what is known as the Ericson Library, erected and equipped at a cost of ten thousand seven hundred dollars. On the occasion of its dedication Judge Horace E. Deemer said: "It is a proud day for Boone, and a pleasant one, I know, for the generous donor who has built a monument to himself which will outlive any mere creation of the builder's art, chiseled simply to perpetuate the memory of a name. Within the past few years at least three generous and loyal men within the boundaries of this state have made large contributions for the building and founding of public libraries; and it is my deliberate judgment that they have made the best possible use of their money. That the communities to which they have been given fully appreciate the generosity, I have no shadow of doubt; and that the people of this little city of Boone are filled with gratitude to their honored fellow citizen, Senator Ericson, is so plainly evident that it scarcely needs mention. I am not so sure, however, that any of these men fully appreciate the value and the full significance of his generosity. In this building rich and poor alike may meet the best and greatest thinkers of the age. Wealth gives no advantage, and social position counts for nothing. No matter how poor the boy or girl, no matter how thinly clad, no matter though the prosperous of their own town or time will not recognize them on the street, no matter though they are excluded from the so-called best society, here they shall not pine for companionship or society. Here Milton will tell of Paradise, Shakespeare open all the flood gates of the imagination, Franklin give forth his practical advice, Bryant sing of nature's beauties, Darwin and Huxley elucidate their theories, Proctor search the skies and Thackeray forget his snobbery. Here one may select his own associates from among the greatest thinkers and actors and writers the world has ever known. He may meet the most eminent statesmen and scientists, poets, and philosophers of all time. As said by another, 'He that loveth a book will never want a faithful friend, a wholesome counsellor, a cheerful companion, and an effectual comforter.' But better than all, here, perhaps, may some spark set fire the smouldering fumes of genius, and a flame go forth that will illuminate for all time the pages of our western literature."

Mr. Ericson always displayed the highest sense of honor in politics as well as in business and other relations of life and would never deviate from any course which he believed to be right. In July, 1903, he was appointed chairman of the Scandinavian Relief Committee to assist the famine stricken districts of northern Scandinavia, and his success in raising funds for this purpose is indicated in an excerpts from a letter written by Governor A. B. Cummins: "The success of the plan must be credited, in a large measure, to your patriotic and intelligent labors. For this work, and in behalf of suffering humanity, I thank you."

In 1904 Senator Ericson was appointed a member of the Iowa Commission for the Louisiana Purchase Centennial Exposition and as such had charge of the dairy and apiary department, which was splendidly managed, not only as regards its exhibition, but also its finances. He came to be one of Iowa's most honored, representative and distinguished men. Where he was best known, however, he

was most loved and the regard entertained for him in his home town is indicated in a speech delivered on the fiftieth anniversary of his settlement in Boone county, when a banquet was tendered him by his friends, on which occasion C. S. Mason said: "Men often criticise; sometimes they flatter. Avoiding both, 'tis my desire to speak the truth, for he who even roughly paints a picture, using brush, or pen, or lips, should first of all paint true. In such a spirit I approach the pleasing task I have undertaken, and, happily, in this case there is little incentive to over-state the facts or over-paint the picture, for in the life and character and record of our friend, the truth is an all-sufficient eulogy. Should I say he is a king of finance, you would not believe me; should I report him possessing, far above his fellows, the qualities of great statesmanship, I would not believe myself; or, should I picture him possessed of genius, he would perhaps laugh me to scorn; but when I say that in finance he is wise and just and withal merciful, I am saying that which I suppose you now believe; and when I say that he has brought to the performance of his public duties the same test of high manhood and good intentions that has guided him in business affairs, I am saying that which I believe will meet the approval of his conscience and win for me the smile of approbation.

"Is this man wise? I know of no better test than to apply the record. Born in a humble home across the sea, he left when young the confines of the old world that he might stand upon the shores of the new, where, looking out upon a splendid age, in a splendid republic, he might search for a place where he could struggle and perhaps achieve. Fate or some subtle influence that we cannot explain, led him to locate near this vicinity, and for fifty years he has gone in and out among, and been one of the people of this community. I think it fair to estimate that in all those years he has averaged ten business transactions daily: one hundred and fifty thousand business transactions with his neighbors and the people among whom he lives, and if about a single one there is a taint, or even a suspicion of dishonesty, then has my information been at fault. Surely such a business record as this is one of which he or any man may well be proud. Not only has he gained high reputation for business honesty, but in a larger way he has achieved success in that he has succeeded first in winning the kind regards, and in more recent years, the loving esteem of a great majority of the better class of people among whom he lives. To such an extent is this true, that the people have delighted to place upon him political honors and have asked of him the performance of important political duties. Not only has he gained a high reputation for business honesty, and gained the respect of the people in all the other matters of which I speak, but during these years he has been gathering together in an enterprising way and without in the least injuring others, that which we believe to be a sufficient competency which has enabled him not only to meet generously the many, many requirements made upon men of reasonable wealth, but has enabled him in more recent years to do those things which he hopes, and which we believe, will redound to the benefit of this and other communities for many years to come. Surely such a record as I have briefly, and I trust, truthfully described, needs little comment.

"Is our friend kind beyond the average man? Upon this point I have testimony, and first I will place upon the stand yourselves, and ask if, in the few or many years you have known him, there has not been some one, perhaps many,

occasions, when, by kind words or some kindly act, he has won the affection of your heart and gained the confidence of your understanding. There are many witnesses I should like to call whom I cannot secure, for many of them are resting under the infirmities of old age and living quietly in their declining years in the homes and upon the farms that the kindness of our friend has helped to secure, while many more have finished their work and made their records and have gone home to their reward and rest within their graves in different portions of this country; and, as I cannot present to you their testimony, permit me briefly to call attention to it second hand. First and last and at different times, and not by design, but accidentally or in a casual way, I have heard from the lips of at least twenty different men, the story of the help they have received from our kind friend. Some have spoken of these obligations without any show of sentiment, while others have shown upon their faces that there was within them the spirit of gratitude. If, in a casual way and without design, I have heard from the lips of twenty men of the assistance they have received from our kind friend, is it not fair to presume that there are in this vicinity, living and dead, hundreds who, could they speak to us, would add to the volume of our testimony? Permit me to take the stand myself. Some years ago our country was swept by a financial tornado, the worst financial panic I have ever known; great business houses tottered and some fell; and, while the general business interests of the country were to some extent palsied, the fierceness of the storm centered upon those engaged in banking business, for everywhere men seemed to have lost confidence in banks and in each other; hundreds of millions of dollars of deposits were drawn from banks and hid away in stockings and in safety deposit vaults, and everywhere the depositors in banks were watching for the least sign of danger, that they might quickly pounce upon the banks that held their deposits and bring to them temporary disaster, if not destruction. At such a time as this, the business firm of which I am a member needed funds. I spoke to a banker of this town about it, and quickly, almost fiercely, got his refusal. A little later I saw our friend and spoke briefly of our needs and said, 'I guess I will have to ask you for some money.' He said, 'How much?' I replied that temporarily two or three thousand dollars would answer. Drawing a long breath that was mighty near a sigh, and speaking in a tone of almost pleading, he said, 'Keep it as near two thousand as you can.' Any man can assist another when it is in his regular line of business and for his profit to do so. There are here and there some, perhaps in the aggregate many, who, upon some occasion, will assist their fellowmen even though the element of profit does not attach to the transaction; but there are mighty few men in all the world, nor have there ever been, nor will there be in all the years to come those who, in time of storm and stress and danger, will weaken their own position that they may extend a helping hand to a business acquaintance. I presume the transaction I speak of was forgotten by our friend within an hour, for he had other important matters on his mind; but I did not so soon forget, nor have I yet forgotten, nor will I forget during all the years that are spared me, for I thought then, and it seems to me now, it was a bright spot in the midst of surrounding gloom, and an oasis in the desert of human selfishness.

"I have a grandson who bears my name. I hope through him the name may be continued; yes, in a broader sense, I hope through him the family name

I bear, and which is now held by so few living representatives, may be carried into future generations where possibly it may become an honored name among the people; so I feel for that boy great interest, and I would make for him great sacrifices, if thereby I could surround him with the influence and furnish him that training which would secure for him in future years the qualities of good citizenship, and I have often thought, and think today, that if, among all the men I know or have ever known, east or west, I was obliged to select the one man of all others whose traits of character, of mind and heart and brain, and whose every quality, good and bad, the boy must emulate and at last attain to, my choice would fall on our kind friend. Surely no higher words of praise than that can I bestow.

"A pebble tossed upon the placid surface of a lake creates a ripple that broadens, widens, extends until it is said there is a ripple on the other shore. A man's good deeds live after him, broadening, widening, extending, losing perhaps their identity, but working in harmony with other good influences—working on and on and on, and who shall say that these good influences will not continue to do their office in the world until the end of time?

"Our friend has led a clean and manly and useful life, worthy the emulation of young men; and, in more recent years, he has been able to set in motion good influences which he hopes, and we believe will work for the civilization and the improvement of mankind when he shall have passed away; and who shall say that the good influences he hath thus set in motion will not continue in some way, working on and on until the records of time shall cease?"

Many were the words of praise written of him when death called him, for all felt that a good man had passed on, leaving behind a memory that is enshrined in the hearts of all who were his associates. He was broad minded and liberal, loved his adopted country and yet never lost his interest in those who came from his native land and to many of Scandinavian birth he proved a most helpful friend. In his later years he greatly enjoyed traveling, and his success gave him opportunity to indulge his taste along that line. He had but recently returned from a trip abroad when he was stricken with the illness that terminated in death in 1910. He was an active member of the Presbyterian church, in which he served as treasurer and trustee for three decades. There was no occasion on which he seemed to fall short of the highest standards. Notwithstanding the fact that his school privileges were very limited, he was a well informed man, for he learned life's lessons in the school of experience, read broadly, thought deeply and listened attentively. He early made it his habit to associate with those from whom he could learn. In business he was guided by the old adage that, honesty is the best policy, but there were still higher principles manifest in his character and these sprang from an understanding of the obligations of man toward his fellowmen and toward his Creator. One of his biographers spoke of his career as that "of one whose Christian character has made the world better; one who enjoyed the esteem and love of all who knew him." One of his pastors wrote: "I have always honored him as a lover of our Savior and a friend of man, and have always rejoiced when word came of some new benefaction which his generosity had provided in the way of school and library endowment; and his memory will always be one of my precious possessions. He was a great help and inspiration to me in my

work—never obtrusive with counsel or critical in his judgments, but quietly helpful in every undertaking for the advancement of the work of our church." Still another wrote of him: "Loyal to his friends and to his city, he never had a thought that his large and growing competence made any chasm between him and his poorest acquaintance. He was a man to all men, honorable, considerate and cordial."

SAM M. STERRETT.

Among the retired citizens of Boone who well merit the rest which has come to them is Sam M. Sterrett, who for many years was actively engaged in farming and is still the owner of valuable farm property in the county. He resides, however, at 1328 Harrison street in Boone and there, surrounded by many of the comforts and luxuries of life, he is spending the evening of his days in quiet and well earned rest. He arrived here in October, 1865, having driven across the country from Tippecanoe county, Indiana, where his birth occurred October 14, 1835. His parents were Robert and Margaret (Montgomery) Sterrett. The former was born in the north of Ireland, of Scotch parentage. His mother came to America with her youngest son and youngest daughter, both of whom are now deceased, and made her way to Indiana, her death occurring in Tippecanoe county, that state. Robert Sterrett, crossing the Atlantic to the new world, passed away in Tippecanoe county, Indiana, at a comparatively early age, dying in 1837, while his wife survived him only until 1841 or 1842. She was born in Wayne county, Indiana, and at her death left four children, while one had passed away previously.

Sam M. Sterrett is the only one now living of the two sons and two daughters who reached adult age and is the only one who ever came to Iowa. His brother Rev. Alexander Sterrett was a Presbyterian minister at Evansville, Indiana, also in Kentucky and for many years at Terre Haute, Indiana. Finally he went to Kansas, where he engaged in missionary work, organizing churches at Wyandotte and several other places. He finally passed away at Wyandotte, now Kansas City, Kansas, in 1888. He had become the owner of considerable land in that state, comprising two sections in Clay county. Elizabeth Sterrett, sister of S. M. Sterrett, was twice married and by her first marriage left a son, William Shurtz, who is now a property owner of Boone. The children of her second marriage are deceased. One of the sons, George R. Simpson, was a prominent educator of Minnesota and died at the age of thirty-five years. Jane Sterrett became the wife of Matthew Stranahan but died a few months later.

Sam M. Sterrett was educated in the public schools. Being left an orphan at an early age, he resided with an uncle and with others through the period of his boyhood and youth, but early in life started out to make his own living. At length he rented a farm, which he cultivated until 1865.

While on a visit in Boone county in 1858 Mr. Sterrett was married to Miss Mary Jane Dawkins, a native of Kentucky, who later went to Indiana and finally came to Iowa. She died in January, 1869, upon the home farm in Dodge township, at the age of twenty-nine years, leaving three children: Jennie, now the

wife of John Hannum, of Boone; Celestia Anna, the wife of the Rev. A. T. Carpenter, a Methodist Episcopal minister, who is now preaching near Winnipeg, in Manitoba, Canada; and Margaret, who is the wife of John Boucher, a farmer residing near Hastings, Colorado. In 1870 Mr. Sterrett was again married, his second union being with Miss Winnie Baker, who was born in Clay county, Indiana, in July, 1851, a daughter of Joel and Ollie Baker, who came from Indiana in the fall of 1851 and settled in Boone county, where they have since resided. To the second marriage of Mr. Sterrett there have been born ten children: Docia, the wife of Herman Stotts, of Minnesota; May, the wife of Arthur Stotts, residing on her father's farm in Dodge township; Robert Leroy, who died at the age of eight years; Eva, the wife of Harry Wiley, living in Boone; Mabel, the wife of Frank Anderson, a resident of Boone; Clara, the wife of Alvin Bowman, a farmer living near Boone; Iowa Belle, the wife of Arthur Doran, who follows farming near Boone; Alexander, who married Miss Nellie Nyberg and formerly engaged in railroading but is now engaged in truck farming; Lillian, who is attending Simpson College; and Irene, also a student in that school. All of these children have taught school.

Mr. Sterrett has been very successful in his business affairs, ranking for many years as a leading and prosperous agriculturist of his county. His homestead, which he still owns, is a farm of two hundred and forty acres of rich and productive land, five miles north of the corporation limits of Boone. He was also the owner of another tract of two hundred acres, which he sold recently. It was in the winter following his arrival in October, 1865, that he purchased the home place and from that time until his retirement he was an active factor in the agricultural development of the community. Having now put aside the work of the fields, he is enjoying a well earned rest, having purchased and remodeled his present comfortable home at No. 1328 Harrison street in Boone.

Politically Mr. Sterrett was a democrat, but a change in his views led him to support the republican party and he now votes the prohibition ticket, for he has always been a staunch advocate of its doctrines and believes the liquor question to be one of the paramount issues before the people today. He belongs to the Methodist Episcopal church of Boone, as do the others of his family, and his life has been guided by its teachings, thus making him one of the men of the county most worthy of respect, confidence and good-will.

GEORGE W. CROOKS.

George W. Crooks was for many years actively connected with the profession that has important bearing upon the stability, prosperity and welfare of every community. A mind naturally analytical and logical in its trend has given him force in the trial of litigated interests intrusted to his care, and his name figures prominently in connection with the court records. He was born in Clay county, Indiana, on the 22d of July, 1836, and is a son of Jacob and Hannah (Croy) Crooks, both of whom were of German lineage. His ancestors in the paternal line established homes in Ohio and Kentucky. Jacob Crooks served his country as a soldier in the War of 1812, and in days of peace devoted



GEORGE W. CROOKS

his attention largely to the cultivation of the fields. In 1845 he left Indiana for Iowa, establishing his home in this state when it was still under territorial rule. He first made settlement near Fairfield, in Jefferson county, but in the spring of 1847 came to Boone county, where he entered land from the government, securing a claim a few miles south of Boone. With characteristic energy he began the development of the place, turning the first furrows and making the first improvements upon this land. There he made his home until his death, which occurred in 1853, while his wife survived until 1882.

George W. Crooks was a lad of but nine summers when the family arrived in Iowa, and his youth was spent in the usual manner of lads who are reared upon the frontier. He early became familiar with the best methods of breaking the sod, cultivating the fields and caring for the crops, and to the farm work he gave his attention until 1855, when he removed to Boonesboro, since which time he has made his home either in that town or in the city of Boone, save for a period of two years, which he spent in Madrid, Iowa. In 1856 he began working in a flour and sawmill and was thus employed until he joined the army.

Mr. Crooks made preparations for having a home of his own in his marriage in 1860 to Miss Rebecca Nutt. The following year the Civil war was begun and, his patriotic spirit being thoroughly aroused, he offered his services to the government and was commissioned first lieutenant, with power to enlist a company. He assisted in raising Company D, Tenth Iowa Regiment, and left Boone county for the rendezvous in August, 1861, but on account of ill health he was disqualified to be regularly mustered in the United States service. His brother, W. C. Crooks, who also joined the army, was killed in the battle of Shiloh and the Grand Army post in Boone was named in his honor. It was a sore disappointment to George W. Crooks that he could not go to the front, but in every possible way he rendered aid to the Union cause at home and never wavered in his loyalty to the federal government in the slightest degree. In June, 1863, he was appointed sheriff of Boone county, and filled that position until January, 1874, when, at the end of about eleven years, he retired from the office with the confidence and good-will of all, having made an excellent record by his fidelity, loyalty and fearlessness in that position.

Mr. Crooks had previously taken up the study of law and after careful preparation for the bar was admitted at the December term of the district court, in 1873, upon examination before the Hon. D. D. Chase, who was then judge of the district court. In the following January he formed a partnership with I. N. Kidder, with whom he was associated until 1882. The following year he entered into partnership relations with R. F. Jordan, with whom he practiced continuously until 1891. Through the two succeeding years he did not engage in active practice, but in 1893 formed a partnership with the Hon. J. J. Snell that was maintained for a number of years. He was the second attorney in Boone county, and continued in active practice until 1908, when he retired.

Unto Mr. and Mrs. Crooks were born two sons: John S., now mayor of Boone; and W. H., who is engaged in the abstract business. The wife and mother passed away November 27, 1909, and her death was deeply regretted by many friends who esteemed her highly for her many excellent traits of heart and mind. In his political views Mr. Crooks has always been a stalwart demo-

crat, and for one term he represented his district in the state legislature. Fraternally he is a Mason and has been most loyal to the teachings of the craft, exemplifying in his life its beneficent spirit. His religious faith is that of the Methodist church. Ere he retired from active practice a biographer wrote of him:

"He has long occupied a foremost position in the foremost rank of the legal practitioners of Boone county. His life has been one of untiring activity and has been crowned with a big degree of success, yet he is not less esteemed as a citizen than as a lawyer, and his kindly impulses and charming cordiality of manner have rendered him exceedingly popular among all classes. The favorable judgment which the world passed upon him in his early years has never been set aside nor in any degree modified. It has, on the contrary, been emphasized by his careful conduct of important litigation, his candor and fairness in the presentation of cases, his zeal and earnestness as an advocate and the generous commendation he has received from his contemporaries, who unite in bearing testimony to his superior mind and high character."

Mr. Crooks is now in the seventy-eighth year of his age, but well preserved for one of his years, and though the snow of winter is upon his head, the flowers of spring are in his heart. He keeps in touch with the trend of modern thought and progress and no history of Boone county would be complete without extended reference to him, because of his long residence here and the important part which he has played in the public life of the community.

EDGAR R. WILLIAMS.

Edgar R. Williams, one of the former owners and editors of the Ogden Reporter, published at Ogden, Boone county, was born south of this city on the 15th of June, 1873, his parents being John T. S. and Jane (Thomas) Williams, the former a native of Canada and the latter of Wisconsin. They became pioneer residents of Boone county as is indicated in the sketch of John T. S. Williams on another page of this volume.

Edgar R. Williams was reared and educated in this county and is indebted to the public-school system for the opportunities which he received for intellectual progress. During the periods of vacation he worked in the fields and early became familiar with all the duties of farm life, continuing to assist his father in the various branches of farm work until he reached the age of twenty years. Thinking to find other pursuits more congenial than the farm work, he began learning the printer's trade in the office which he later owned. He was there employed for about eight years and mastered the business in principle and detail. He was afterward employed in various other places and in 1904 purchased the Ogden Reporter, while later he admitted Mr. Carl Lund to a partnership. They operated the plant continuously for a number of years and made the Reporter an interesting paper, with a good patronage in both the circulation and advertising departments. They followed the methods of modern journalism, and the success of the paper was a natural result of their close application and unflinching energy.

Mr. Williams was married in September, 1902, to Miss Elizabeth Thompson, a daughter of William and Tillie (Latimer) Thompson, residents of Greene county, Iowa. Mr. and Mrs. Williams had one child, Thelma, who died in 1903 in infancy. The family residence is a comfortable home at the corner of First and Walnut streets in Ogden. Mr. Williams belongs to the Knights of Pythias lodge in Boone, and his wife is a member of the Methodist church. His political support is given to the republican party, and he made his paper one of the organs in its support, but he does not seek nor desire office, preferring to concentrate his energies upon other interests and duties. He has become widely known through his activity in the newspaper field and enjoys the confidence and good will of the general public.

L. D. HENRY.

Great credit is due L. D. Henry for what he has achieved in life. He began his career in a comparatively humble capacity and today is one of the leading financiers of Boone county, conducting a private bank at Beaver and also being interested in a number of other enterprises of a similar nature. Moreover, Mr. Henry is ever ready to indorse and support valuable measures which make for material expansion, moral improvement and intellectual attainment. He was born in Trumbull county, Ohio, April 13, 1864, and is a son of Zimri and Emeline (Brown) Henry, the former a native of Trumbull county, Ohio, and the latter of Pennsylvania, of German descent. The father followed farming throughout life in Trumbull county, Ohio, with the exception of the last few years of his life, during which he conducted a hotel at Kinsman. He died in 1908, his widow surviving him until October, 1911.

L. D. Henry was reared and educated in Kinsman and attended the academy there. He has always been proud of the fact that he was a schoolmate of Clarence S. Darrow, the noted Chicago attorney, and he had as his teacher Mary Darrow, who was noted as an educator and connected with the Chicago schools, but is now deceased. After completing his education Mr. Henry turned his attention to railroading, becoming a brakeman for the Lake Shore & Michigan Southern Railroad. In two and one-half years he was promoted to the position of conductor and remained with that system until 1889, when he made his way to Savanna, Illinois, becoming conductor for the Chicago, Milwaukee & St. Paul Railroad, with his headquarters in that city. In 1893 he was transferred to Perry, Iowa, and for twelve years, or until 1905, ran a train out of there. Meeting with an accident which cost him his right leg, his company then made him live stock agent of his district, in which capacity he was charged with settling claims for the traffic department. He held that position for two years and, being an observant man, able to judge of conditions and opportunities, perceived that a bank in Beaver would be a most profitable investment. He, therefore, came to that city and with E. D. Carter organized the Beaver Savings Bank. The original capital was ten thousand dollars and the institution was a success from the beginning. Its prosperous condition is largely due to the initiative of Mr. Henry, who has proved himself a financier of no mean ability. The

bank was under state charter until April 1, 1912, when it was reorganized, Mr. Henry acquiring the interests of the other stockholders and transforming the corporation into a private bank. It is now known as the Beaver Bank and its capital and surplus exceed fifteen thousand dollars. Mr. Henry is sole owner and his daughter Mabel is assistant cashier. "They have over sixty-six thousand dollars in deposits and well merit the confidence placed in them. Although Mr. Henry is progressive and ever ready to lend a helping hand in promoting the industrial enterprises and in assisting agricultural ventures, his foremost consideration is the safety of his depositors. He has always displayed marked energy and determination in his business affairs and has made good use of opportunities as they presented themselves and has even created them where none existed. He has overcome difficulties by persistent, energetic and honorable effort. He is a man of unerring accuracy in judgment and of a caution in business transactions which, though it protects the bank from loss, does not hinder its development. In short, he knows whom and what to trust. He owns the two-story block in which the bank is located, it being erected by him in 1907.

On May 31, 1886, Mr. Henry married Miss Bertha L. Fellows, a daughter of Harvey and Reuhama (Johnson) Fellows, natives of the Keystone state, where they always made their home. Her mother was the first white child born in Warren county, Pennsylvania. Her father died in 1887 and her mother in June, 1905. Mr. and Mrs. Henry had three children: Mabel A., born February 21, 1888, assistant cashier of the Beaver Bank; Carl H., who was born February 20, 1895, and died in December, 1897; and Margaret Lucille, born January 3, 1900, who is attending school in Grand Junction.

Mr. Henry has other important interests, being a stockholder and treasurer of the Farmers Cooperative Company of Beaver, and he also owns a block of shares in the Peoples National Bank at Perry. Since 1888 he has been a member of the Order of Railway Conductors and was secretary of the general board of adjustment for the Milwaukee system for ten years. He is a charter member of the American Nobles of Perry. Politically he is a republican and was a member of the city council in Perry. Since coming to Beaver this town has been incorporated and he has since served as councilman, giving the city the benefit of his business ability besides supporting a number of measures which have been of great benefit to the community. He and his family are Methodists and devout in their religious professions. While he has attained success, he is a man who is considerate of the interests of others and always ready to make sacrifices in order to promote the public welfare. He has proved himself a useful and valuable citizen and enjoys in full measure the respect, esteem and confidence of all who have come in contact with him.

J. B. McHOSE.

J. B. McHose is one of the citizens of Boone county whom she may well honor, for his life in all of its different phases has been such as measures up to the highest standards of manhood and citizenship. In business he has been industrious, energetic and reliable, in public office loyal, patriotic and capable.



J. B. McHOSE

and those who have met him in social relations count his friendship as something worth while. A native of Iowa, Mr. McHose was born in the city of Davenport—then a town of little importance—August 25, 1849, his parents being Samuel and Mary (Dillin) McHose. He is descended from Scotch, German and English ancestry of pre-Revolutionary times, and from the mingled blood of the three races have come some of his strong and sturdy characteristics. His father and grandfather were brick makers. In pioneer times the parents became residents of Iowa, but the mother passed away March 22, 1863, in Geneseo, Illinois. In the family were eight children: J. B., of this review; William E., now deceased; Isabelle, the wife of F. Smock of San Diego, California; Samuel M., living in Nevada, Iowa; Mrs. Dora Neil, whose home is in Seattle, Washington; Mrs. Mary Stuart, a resident of Lewiston, Montana; Joseph, deceased; and George, deceased. Losing his first wife, the father, who has just passed away at the age of ninety-one at Grinnell, Iowa, married again, his second union being with Fannie Nye. Unto them were born three children: Arthur, of Boone; Charles, a resident of Maxwell, Iowa; and Harry, of Montana.

J. B. McHose spent the days of his boyhood and youth in his parents' home and early began work in his father's brickyard. His educational opportunities were those accorded by the public schools. At twenty years of age he left the parental roof and started out in the business world independently, becoming connected with the manufacture of brick and also during the winters taking up the profession of teaching, for which he was well qualified through a high-school education. At length he began the study of law and graduated from the Washington University of St. Louis, Missouri, with the class of 1874. He then located for practice in Story county, Iowa, where he remained for four years, but at the end of that time abandoned his profession and again turned his attention to the manufacture of clay products. In 1880 he came to Boone and established the Boone Clay Works, manufacturing brick, drain tile and other clay wares, which he conducted for about twenty-two years with splendid success, enjoying a growing and gratifying business, from which he retired in 1910. He has also for twenty-eight years been the owner of a large farm in Iowa and is deeply interested in agricultural and horticultural affairs. In connection with his large clay manufacturing interests he also did business as a paving contractor, and in the city of Boone as well as other places are numerous evidences of his activity in the construction of substantial buildings and business blocks. He likewise won success as a beekeeper, devoting considerable attention to the raising and care of these insects.

Mr. McHose has an excellent public record. Since attaining his majority he has given stalwart support to the republican party, keeping well-informed on the questions of the day and taking active part in promoting the principles in which he believes, as a campaign speaker and also as chairman of the republican county central committee. For several years he served as a member of the city council of Boone, exercising his official prerogatives in support of all measures which he deemed of value and worth in promoting the city's best interests. He took a leading part in inaugurating a number of modern civic improvements. It was during his term as councilman that the first paving was done and that twenty-four miles of sewer were laid. The latter project was the cause of one of the

greatest controversies in the city's history, but time has proven its wisdom. In November, 1912, Mr. McHose was elected to represent his district in the state legislature and took active part in its councils. He was placed upon its most important committees, such as judiciary, ways and means, mines and mining, insurance, and some half dozen others. He at all times sought the welfare of the public rather than party interests or personal aggrandizement, and he was the father of a bill designed to put private banks in Iowa under state supervision. He studied closely the legislative problems and lived up to the platform upon which he was elected—"belief in the strictest fidelity and accountability of public officers, rigid economy and honesty in public affairs, laws for the protection of the weak against the strong and the education of the young for the industries and business interests of the state." He believes thoroughly in progressive republicanism.

On the 16th of March, 1876, Mr. McHose was united in marriage to Miss Ella Hamor, a native of Pennsylvania, and they own and occupy a fine brick residence in Boone, built of brick which he manufactured. Mr. McHose also has other valuable property and at the present time is living retired, giving his attention to the supervision of his farming and other interests. He is identified with various societies and organizations, which indicate him to be a broad-minded, progressive man. He has membership in the National Geographical Society, the State Historical Society and the State Horticultural Society. In Masonry he has attained the thirty-second degree, belongs to the Mystic Shrine, the Eastern Star and to the Knights of Pythias. For several years he served as president of the State Brick and Tile Makers' Association. He deserves much credit for what he has accomplished in that he started out in life empty handed and has worked his way steadily upward. He began in brick manufacturing before he attained his majority with a capital of less than fifty dollars. His knowledge of legal principles was the foundation of much of his success in business and his valuable public service in office.

JUDGE DAVID R. HINDMAN.

A history of the bench and bar of the eleventh judicial district of Iowa would be incomplete and unsatisfactory were there failure to make prominent reference to Judge David R. Hindman, of Boone, who for eleven years sat upon the bench and for an extended period was regarded as one of the most able and eminent lawyers practicing in his section of the state. It is not the province of biography to give voice to a man's modest estimate of himself and his accomplishments, but rather to judge the record establishing his position by the consensus of public opinion on the part of his fellowmen. Judged by that standard, too much cannot be said in praise of David R. Hindman, for all who knew him were glad and proud to call him friend, recognizing his honorable manhood, his lofty purposes and his well spent life. In a profession where advancement depends entirely upon individual effort and merit he made steady progress and his course ever reflected credit and honor upon his chosen calling.

Judge Hindman was a native of Otsego county, New York, born on the 10th of May, 1834, and was, therefore, almost seventy-four years of age when he passed away at his home in Boone on the 17th of April, 1908. The greater part of his youth was spent in Oneida county, New York, and he supplemented public-school instruction by study in the Whitestown (N. Y.) Seminary. He afterward entered for professional training the Clinton Law School and, having completed his preparation for the bar, he removed to Portage City, Wisconsin, in 1860, and for some time engaged in active practice there. However, following the outbreak of the Civil war he joined the army, enlisting first in response to the call for three months' troops and afterward reenlisting as a private of the Nineteenth Wisconsin Infantry. He rose from the ranks through successive promotions to the captaincy of the company and was beloved by those who served under him. He never asked the troops to go where he would not lead.

With the close of the war Judge Hindman returned to Wisconsin and the following year came to Boonesboro and to Boone in 1875, where he opened an office and entered upon the active practice of his profession. His ability won almost immediate recognition. He displayed comprehensive knowledge of the law and notable skill in applying legal principles to the points at issue. His ability gained for him appointment to fill out the unexpired term of Judge Mericle of the eleventh judicial district in 1888. He was then elected and afterward reelected, retiring from the bench in 1899. He could have remained for a longer term of years in that judicial position, had he so desired, for he had "won golden opinions from all sorts of people" by the fairness, equity and impartiality of his decisions. Of him it has been written:

"Judge Hindman was without a peer among the district judges in the state of Iowa and he established a record with the state supreme court—his decisions were scarcely ever reversed by that body—which indicated that Mr. Hindman was well read in the profession. Of late years he maintained an office in Boone and enjoyed a very good practice.

"From the start of his professional life D. R. Hindman made friends of all. Eminently successful in a financial way, he leaves a far greater legacy, the goodwill of the community. Throughout his long life crowned with deeds of usefulness his upright character and noble manhood stood out prominently. As a judge of the district court, as a practicing attorney, in any of his business dealing or in his social life he was the same—affable, with a kind word for all, never saying anything but good of his fellowmen. His disposition was most genial and his views of life were of the most optimistic. He often expressed the desire to depart this life suddenly—without suffering—and his wish was gratified by an all-wise Creator. One of the interesting traits of his life was his fondness for young people and when in their company he seemed contented and happy. He always held a charitable estimate of everybody's character and his death is, indeed, a sad blow to Boone and this community where he was so well and favorably known. Everywhere among his friends of the legal profession nothing but words of praise are heard for him. All unite in paying a tribute to this well spent life."

It was in 1866 that Judge Hindman was united in marriage to Miss Jennie E. Ritchey, who was born near Lafayette, Tippecanoe county, Indiana. Her

father, a farmer by occupation, died in the early '70s, and her mother and sister afterward came to make their home with Judge and Mrs. Hindman. Mrs. Ritchey here passing away in 1897, in the eighty-sixth year of her age. Her daughter, Miss Mary A. Ritchey, still resides with Mrs. Hindman. Judge and Mrs. Hindman had no children, but he is still survived by four sisters, all of whom are living at Syracuse, New York. Judge Hindman was a prominent Mason and attained the Knight Templar degree of the York Rite, exemplifying at all times in his life the beneficent spirit of the craft. He wore with pride the little bronze button, which showed him to be a member of the Grand Army of the Republic, and he always maintained the deepest interest in those with whom he had served when wearing the nation's blue uniform. He was interested in the armory and in the hospital and in other public affairs of his city and cooperated in all movements for the general good. At the same time he was devoted to his profession and, while his allegiance to his clients' interests was proverbial, he never forgot that he owed a still greater fidelity to the majesty of the law. Death came to him suddenly and after an illness of but six hours he passed away. A fitting tribute was paid to his memory by Hon. R. F. Dale, who said:

"It seems meet and proper that the members of this bar should pause for a time this afternoon and cast anchor to the rushing turmoils of life and give our thoughts in contemplation of the virtuous dead—to stand at the tomb and allow our eyes to take glimpses of eternity and enjoy in anticipation the rest which awaits us at the close of this life. Surely, we must be much benefited thereby, become better men, gather more potency to clasp virtue and entrench ourselves more strongly against vice.

"On occasions like this does not the query arise, is the grave the end? We know the body submits to decay but we are also told that there will come a time when a voice shall command the seas and the graves to give up their dead and meet the spirit somewhere which shall descend there to be reunited. The stroke of death only expands life.

"Of the life of our departed brother, in this world of discontent and restlessness, no one need speak, it is an open book upon each page of which is expressed a noble mind, kind heart, generous spirit and heroic dealings. D. R. Hindman lived his allotted time and from our acquaintance and observations with and of him we could see him meeting his duties courageously and manfully and at all times with kindness and due thought of the rights of others; he always met the combinations of former ages intelligently and strove to apply them to the demands as they now exist. While our brother is not visible to the natural eye, yet those who read history aright say he is not dead.

"These ceremonies combined with the influence of the life lived by the tenant of the grave enrich our minds, assist in forming our judgments; our hearts are softened and if rightfully studied our lives are directed and controlled thereby. Honor, ability and dignity were attributes possessed by our departed brother.

"He was a student of human nature, thus gaining knowledge of the world in its noblest sense; always taking a broad and liberal view of human conduct; never seeking for matter for condemnation but rather for matter of approval; always excuses for the erring and charity for weakness. He understood weakness as well as strength; vice as well as virtue. His power and qualifications for a lawyer, jurist, neighbor and friend were based upon his knowledge gained from

such study. His colossal kindness and hospitality made him one whom we were always glad to meet. Those who knew him longest respected and loved him most. No better recommendations can man desire or possess. His life here gives the lie to that old and unwarranted idea, entertained by many and expressed by some, 'No lawyer can be honest.' His word was his bond, his bond a verity. We cannot change his condition but his life and influence are our heritage.

"What more can be said. Let us emulate his kindness and good-will exhibited toward the members of his chosen profession and thereby lessen the bitter feelings and animosities that are prone to enter into our dealings together. Judge Hindman asked only for his client that to which he believed him entitled, let us follow his example."

GEORGE W. NELSON.

George W. Nelson is to be numbered among the enterprising younger business men of Boone, where he now is the owner of the Boone Bottling Works, a prosperous establishment the ownership of which he acquired only about a year ago. Mr. Nelson was born in Boone, September 7, 1877, and is a son of Andrew and Ellen Nelson, natives of Sweden. They came to America soon after their marriage, settling in Rockford, Illinois. In that city they remained for a time, the father following the trade of tailor. In 1868 they came to Boone, Andrew Nelson becoming one of the earlier settlers of that city. He was the first tailor of Boone, working for his brother, John T., who came to that city about the same time. He continued in that association for a number of years and then retired, passing away June 17, 1912. His widow survived him until May 27, 1913. The father was one of the organizers and a trustee of the Swedish Mission church, of which both he and his wife were members. He was a republican and staunchly upheld the principles of that party. To him and his wife were born the following children: Oscar A., of Boone; Theodore E., who is a business man of that city; Charles, who passed away at the age of fifteen; George W., of this review; and three who died in infancy.

George W. Nelson attended the public schools of Boone until fifteen years of age, receiving his first instruction under a Mrs. Joseph Whittaker. After laying aside his text-books he became a clerk in the shoe store of C. A. McCune, so remaining until Mr. McCune sold out his interest to Oscar A. Nelson and George W. Nelson. Mr. Nelson of this review a few years later sold out to his brother and bought the Westerberg Bottling Works, changing the name to the Boone Bottling Works. Although Mr. Nelson has conducted this business only a short time, he has already laid the foundations of a decided success. There is great credit due him for what he has achieved, as his success has come to him entirely through his own efforts.

On May 3, 1911, Mr. Nelson married Miss Theresa A. Anderson, of Minneapolis, Minnesota, a daughter of Gustave A. Anderson. Mr. and Mrs. Nelson reside in a handsome home at No. 427 South Boone street, where they often entertain their many friends. They are members of the Swedish Lutheran church

and interested in its work. Politically Mr. Nelson preserves independence, giving his vote to the candidates whom he considers best fitted for the office irrespective of party affiliation. Fraternally he is a member of the Benevolent Protective Order of Elks and popular in that organization. He is a public-spirited citizen who promotes enterprise wherever and whenever possible and who in a quiet way has done his share for the development of his city.

BERNHART PAUL HOLST.

When we contemplate the career of those who turn the tide of adversity in early life to successful ends, we are induced to regard with more than ordinary admiration their character and perseverance. Probably there is in the central part of the United States no one who has greater claim to a biographical sketch in this work than Bernhart Paul Holst, both from the interest shown in the general upbuilding of educational institutions and for his long contact with the development of Boone county and the state of Iowa. His life offers so much encouragement to those who are at the commencement of their business and professional career, all of which is so laudable and exemplary, that the writer is inspired by many incidents of importance associated with him and his educational and professional work and business enterprises.

He is descended from German parentage, his forefathers having resided for many generations in the regions made famous by the imperial contests of Napoleon and the wars for Polish independence. Though these eventful times were witnessed in different sections of Germany, the former refers to Lauenburg, the home of his paternal ancestors, and the latter to Posen, the seat of his maternal progenitors. In both provinces were formidable parties that joined in the revolution of thought and action against the continuance of ancient imperial regimes, and with these were associated the families of whom the subject of this sketch is a scion.

The earliest history of the paternal ancestors may be traced to the village of Kulpin, in Lauenburg, northern Germany, which was a famous stronghold of a warlike clan of Teutons in the eleventh century. This village was long a fortified point of strategy, but became a local center of trade and quiet home life under the civilizing influences of the reformation, which made this portion of Europe a stronghold of Protestantism and the modern educational arts.

At Kulpin, in 1800, we find Christian Ludwig Holst, grandfather of the subject of this sketch, the manager of the large estate of Kulpin, which was highly developed in fertility and productiveness under his management for a quarter of a century. This estate, though now greatly decreased in area by reason of transfers and subdivisions, was still a valuable and extensive possession in 1913, when it was visited by the subject of this sketch, but its ownership and management had passed into the possession of others.

Heinrich Ludwig Holst, the father of the subject of this sketch, was born in the beautiful lake-village of Ratzeburg, about three miles from Kulpin, on April 17, 1817, and died at Pilot Mound, Iowa, September 16, 1885. He was the son of Christian Ludwig Holst, who died while the son was still in infancy,



Gerhart H. H. H.



and his mother subsequently married a school teacher at Ratzeburg. Under the careful and sympathetic instruction of his stepfather he obtained the benefits of a practical education and afterward learned the trade of a cooper. He was an able thinker on theological and economical questions, a lover of good books, and took considerable interest in traveling. After visiting many cities of the German Confederation, he traveled in Switzerland, Austria, France and Russia, and in 1842 settled in Samotschyn, Germany, where he founded and developed a successful business as a cooper.

On June 15, 1843, H. L. Holst, the father of Bernhart Paul Holst, married Emilie Leopoldina Buchholz at Samotschyn. She was born at Obersitzko, a picturesque town on the Warthe river, in Posen, April 20, 1820. Her father, Wilhelm Gotthold Buchholz, was a prominent citizen and successful druggist at her native town, and her mother was Dorothea Caroline Hirsekorn. It was the ambition of her parents to give her and her only sister, Amelia Wilhelmina, a good education, which hope was realized in the kindergarten and public schools of Obersitzko, and subsequently both were taught music and fine handiwork in a real-schule, or manual school. Her only brother, Edward, was liberally educated and became a successful pharmacist.

The family resided in Germany about three years after their marriage, embarking from Bremen, October 12, 1846, with the view of founding a home in Australia, and landing at Port Adelaide, March 18, 1847. It will be noticed that the trip on the ocean required over five months, a fact due to the tardy progress made by sail ships, and while on the Atlantic ocean, off Cape Blanco, Africa, October 29, 1846, their first born son, Wilhelm Holst, died. For seven months the family resided in Adelaide, one of the finest cities in Australia, after which they resided at different times at Lobethal, Hoffnungsthal, Hochkirch, and on a farm near Lindock Valley. In the meantime H. L. Holst was either occupied in farming or interested in gold mining, and after a residence of twenty years in Australia, about equal portions of the time in the colonies of Victoria and South Australia, they decided to emigrate to the United States. On April 3, 1867, they set sail from Melbourne for London, England, which place they reached in July, and after spending some time in that city and Liverpool they took a steamboat for New York, reaching Castle Garden on August 3, 1867. Five days later they came to Boone, Iowa, and soon after purchased a farm of one hundred and sixty acres located twelve miles northwest of the court house, in Pilot Mound township, and a half mile west of Pilot Mound, the highest elevation in Boone county.

This farm was the home of Bernhart Paul Holst, the subject of this sketch, during his boyhood years. He is the youngest of the family, which consisted of four boys and three girls. They are named in order of age as follows: Wilhelm (1845-46); Ludwig Heinrich (1847); Philip Hermann (1850-57); Mary Louise (1853-1914); Augusta Johanna (1856); Emilie Caroline (1858-72); and Bernhart Paul (1861). Wilhelm died off Cape Blanco, Africa, October 29, 1846; Philip Hermann died at Lobethal, South Australia, March 20, 1857; and Emilie Caroline died at Pilot Mound, Iowa, January 1, 1872. Ludwig Heinrich chose to remain in Australia, where he acquired success as a teacher and supervisor in the public schools. Mary Louise married Julius Amme in 1882, and Augusta Johanna married Joseph Adamson in 1883; the latter resides in Boone county.

Bernhart Paul Holst was born September 18, 1861, in Hochkirch, in the Australian colony of Victoria, now the state of Victoria, and since 1867 has resided in Boone county, Iowa, which state is yet his home and for which he has ever had strong love. He was reared amid refining influences, the best that were possible under pioneer conditions, and early developed the traits of character which led to a strong manhood. In the home and public schools he secured his early education, after which he had the benefits of academic and collegiate work. From early infancy he enjoyed the benefits that come from learning to use several modern languages, and in his educational research attained more than mediocre proficiency in German history and literature. He was granted his first teacher's certificate by J. H. Chambers, county superintendent of Boone county schools, in 1883, when he began teaching in the public schools. Being popular among his associates and indefatigable as an organizer, he gave hearty and efficient support in the maintenance of debating societies, institutes, Sunday schools and other organizations intended to benefit and improve moral and social conditions. In the spring of 1884 he, in company with two other young men, Samuel and Andrew Adamson, drove a team to Logan county, Nebraska, where he served in surveying government lands and in the meantime completed title under the exemption law to a quarter section of public land. Subsequently he drove on the California trail across the plains to the foothills of the Rocky mountains, and in the autumn of that year returned to Boone county to resume teaching in the public schools.

On September 15, 1887, Mr. Holst married Ella Roose, Rev. Abram Miller of the Lutheran church of Georgetown solemnizing the marriage at the home of the bride's parents, near Moultrie, Ohio. Mrs. Holst was born in Columbiana county, Ohio, January 26, 1867, and was the youngest of four children, having one sister and two brothers. Her parents, Michael Roose, born February 14, 1826, and Rachael Myers Roose, born February 16, 1832, are of German parentage and descended from early settlers of Pennsylvania. They resided in the natural gas and oil belt near Alliance, Ohio, where they owned a productive fruit and dairy farm. Three children were born to Mr. and Mrs. Holst, two sons and a daughter. The elder son, Bertram Paul, was born February 22, 1889. He graduated from the Boone high school in 1908, from Drake University in 1913, and from the University of Chicago in 1914, obtaining the A. M. degree at the latter institution. The daughter, Blanche Alcott, was born in Boone, Iowa, January 2, 1894; she graduated from the Boone high school in 1911 and from St. Katharine's Academy at Davenport, Iowa, in 1914. She has also studied at Drake University and other institutions. The younger son, Emil Roose, was born January 21, 1904, and since his sixth year has attended the public schools of Pilot Mound and Boone.

Ella Roose Holst, wife of the subject of this sketch, died January 31, 1904, at Boone. This loss and the death of his mother on March 5, 1908, are the most impressive of the sad events which we record in this sketch.

No compendium such as the province of this work defines in its essential limitations will serve to offer fit memorial to the life and accomplishments of Bernhart Paul Holst, the honored subject of this sketch—a man remarkable in the breadth of his wisdom, in his indomitable perseverance, his strong individuality, and yet one whose whole esoteric phase, being an open scroll, invites

the closest scrutiny. True, his have been "massive deeds and great" in one sense, and yet his entire life accomplishments but represent the result of the fit utilization of the innate talent which is his, and the directing of his efforts in those lines where mature judgment and rare discrimination lead the way. There is in him a weight of character, a native sagacity, a far-seeing judgment and a fidelity of purpose that commands the respect of all. A man of indefatigable enterprise and fertility of resource, he has carved his name deeply on the record of the educational, political, commercial and professional history of the state, which owes much of its advancement to his efforts, especially along educational lines. Being one of the most capable and successful educators of the state, he caused the schools of Boone county to make rapid progress and induced a higher sentiment for professional enterprise in teachers' institutes and public school courses.

It may be said that throughout his entire life he has been connected with educational work, and that he turned to good account much of the time that too many men fail to utilize. In his professional work he has been as persevering to enlarge his own usefulness and that of his learners as he has ever been diligent in his business enterprises, and it may be said that he has been equally successful in both lines. In 1889, at the age of twenty-eight years, he was elected county superintendent of schools of Boone county in which capacity he remained for ten years. No one in the county ever filled the same position for as long a period, and it is doubtful if anyone else in the state has been more highly complimented through popular suffrage than he. It is suggestive of more than ordinary popularity and ability when we note that he was nominated on the Democratic ticket while Boone county is strongly Republican, and yet he was elected, receiving a vote about five hundred more than the strength of his party. In 1891, when reelected, he received a vote of one thousand more than his party, and in 1893, his vote was about eleven hundred more than that cast for his ticket. In 1895, when the opposition party had an average majority of thirteen hundred votes for its candidates he was given a safe indorsement for a fourth term and afterward was elected for the fifth time, each term being for two years. In 1899, while conducting an institute at Boone where about three hundred and thirty teachers were in attendance, he was notified that the Democratic state convention had nominated him for superintendent of public instruction by acclamation, and shortly after he was tendered a general public ovation by the teachers and citizens of Boone. Though defeated in the state election, he turned the compliment of the nomination to good account by delivering addresses in many of the cities of the state and extending his acquaintance among public men.

Professor Holst is known as an institute instructor and lecturer, having been appointed on the corps of teachers for more than twenty-five Iowa institutes held in different counties. Among his most popular addresses are those entitled Educational Foundations, Fundamentals, Three Great Evils of the Age, and I am Fearfully and Wonderfully Made. His popularity as a conductor of institutes is evidenced by the following memorial presented to him in 1895 by the teachers of Boone county:

"Whereas: The sixth session of the Boone County Normal Institute under your direction is now drawing to a close, and in view of the fact that these

sessions have been the most earnest and enthusiastic ever held in the county, the courses of study being the most systematic and complete ever issued, the instruction in them able and conscientious and the manner of conducting them competent and energetic;

"In grateful recognition whereof: We, the teachers of Boone county, tender you our sincere thanks for the watchful interest with which you have ever guarded our educational affairs, and the firm and yet courteous manner in which you have ever dealt with both teachers and patrons of our schools; and we do hereby recommend you to the school public, not only as an educator of profound ability, but as a gentleman of thoroughly Christian character.

"Furthermore: We, the undersigned members of the Boone County Normal Institute of 1895, as a testimonial of our high personal regard, and as an evidence of our appreciation of the able manner in which you have discharged the important duties of your office, present you with this gold watch and chain, and hope that you may long enjoy positions of usefulness among your fellowmen."

The subject of this sketch has been not only influential in the higher councils of educational meetings, but has held a number of official positions and served on important legislative committees. In 1892 at Cedar Rapids, Iowa, he was chosen the first vice-president of the Iowa State Teachers' Association. He was quite a young man when thus honored, but he capably filled the position and in 1893 was elected president of the County Superintendents' and Normal Department while in session at Des Moines. His indefatigable efforts in promoting organization had the desired effect and gave Iowa the largest meeting ever held up to that time by county superintendents. The Iowa Normal Monthly, published at Dubuque, Iowa, said of him:

"He is master in effecting organization and system. He brings harmony and a gladdening spirit into the work. Under his efficient management every line of school work has been awakened and broadened. He has organized a teachers' library and a hundred for the public schools with over two thousand five hundred volumes. His systematic plans for conducting teachers' meetings and county institutes make them at once profitable and popular. In his office are kept the most accurate and systematic records of supervision and gradation.

"He is an able writer and natural speaker. The past year he delivered about forty lectures before institutes and conventions. While he takes delight in this line of work, he is constantly guarding the schools in his charge. Their upbuilding and successful advancement have been his constant desire. One of Iowa's greatest educators, Dr. W. H. Beardshear, fittingly says of him: 'I can speak of him and his work in the most commendable terms.'"

In speaking of his public life and work it may be fitting to mention briefly the confidence in which he is held by those that know him best. This applies not only to his public service, but is true also of his business and social life. When but twenty-one years of age he was nominated for justice of the peace in Pilot Mound township by a class of citizens who wanted to bring a young man and efficiency to that office at a time when the town of Pilot Mound was in its infancy. It is needless to say that he was elected and that he served his constituents with ability. After retiring from the county superintendency in 1901 he was chosen a member of the city council of Boone by the citizens of the fifth

ward who favor public improvements, and was elected for consecutive terms aggregating a total of thirteen years, the longest in the history of the city.

He is closely identified with many local enterprises and for many years was on the board of directors of the Boone Commercial Association, serving as the president of this organization for the year of 1911-1912. It was during this period that the Fairview Addition to Boone, the new two hundred thousand dollar high school, the Swedish Old Folks Home, the larger city waterworks and other enterprises were promoted by the business interests of Boone, and of which he was an advocate.

He is indebted largely to himself for what he is and for what he has achieved, but above all he attributes his success to the watchful care and constant encouragement of his parents. From his father, a man strongly devoted to the religious teachings and moral practices of the Lutheran church, he obtained a fine collection of works in the German, and to him also is he indebted for support in attending for two years a school where he studied modern languages and the sciences. From this work as a nucleus, he broadened his mind by constant study and practical application, taking, while engaged in school supervision, advantage of university extension courses of study and in 1899 was awarded on an examination the degree of Master of Arts by the Western University, in Illinois.

While at the farm home during his youth he began to take interest in reading the works of great authors, such as Schiller, Bryant, Holmes, Whittier, Goethe, Bancroft, Shakespeare and Dickens, and from each he drew inspiration characteristic of the writer. He was particularly fond of sketches drawn from Eulenspiegel and the Nibelungenlied. Being interested in literary work, he began to find pleasure in writing as a local correspondent for county newspapers, and prepared numerous essays on literary topics to be read before schools and lyceums. In 1890 he began publishing the Boone County Teacher, a monthly educational journal, which he issued for ten years and made it a helpful means of furthering pedagogical work. In 1893 he read an able paper on Demands of the County Superintendency before the County Superintendents' and Normal Department at Des Moines, and subsequently delivered many addresses relating to educational topics before institutes and teachers' meetings. While county superintendent of Boone county he also published annually the Graded Four Years' Institute Course of Study, which was issued regularly for ten years.

The finest literary work of Professor Holst, however, is "The Teachers' and Pupils' Cyclopaedia." He began work on it in 1898, when he was in the county superintendency, writing biographical sketches and articles on scientific subjects, such as would not lose interest and value by the lapse of time. In the early part of 1900 he employed typewriters and shorthand reporters with the view of completing the work on the manuscript and making it ready for the compositors, working from early morning until nine o'clock at night about two years in collating and revising it. The work was finally published in its complete form in February, 1902, when it was issued in three large volumes containing two thousand two hundred and six pages and about one thousand five hundred illustrations.

Ten editions of "The Teachers' and Pupils' Cyclopaedia" were issued with various revisions from the first set of plates. However, the publication was thoroughly revised and enlarged to seven volumes in 1912, when it embraced about four thousand double-column pages and was called "The New Teachers' and Pupils' Cyclopaedia." About two hundred and fifty thousand sets of this reference work have been sold in the United States, Canada, Alaska and Hawaii, placing it in the highest rank of useful American literary products.

"The New Teachers' and Pupils' Cyclopaedia" is written in a beautiful, narrative style, and is a valuable treatise and dictionary of geography, history, mythology, discoveries, inventions and educational progress. It treats the literature of all countries and peoples; reviews the resources and political conditions of all lands; presents the biographies of all noted persons both living and dead; and discusses the arts and sciences in their working and application. It has already found its way into hundreds of homes and school libraries, and is justly regarded one of the finest and most utilitarian American products now on the book market.

The writings of Bernhart Paul Holst, besides outlines, addresses, essays and books of reference, include a large number of verses and poetical compositions. These products, including a number of translations, were written at times of rest, or as change in occupation permitted, being influenced, of course, by the inspirations which then impress the writer, such as the native fancy or the scenes and experiences while traveling in America or abroad. In 1913 these writings were collected and published in a volume under the title "Poems of Friendship and Other Poems." By permission of the author we publish the following verses which are classed among the Poems of Power:

SUCCESS

It means a cross for faithful hands to carry,
In contest fierce, and with tireless brain;
It means that weary limbs must never tarry,
When right demands that we should try again.

At morn may beauty roses bloom in glory,
At noon may shrink and wither stem and leaf,
At night may all the world seem cold and hoary,
And should this the spirit vex and grieve?

You cringe because your hands are bleeding,
And seek a new and untried field for luck,
And soon release your grip, when you should be heeding
The fact that true success depends on pluck.

If you despair when days are clear and cloudless,
And dream that dreadful storms are raging overhead,
An awful ghost will rise before you shroudless,
And all your early hopes will soon be dead.

Success will surely come with time and labor,
If we our aims will carry far and high,
For we can win the plaudits of our neighbor,
And reach the goal by perseverance bye and bye.

Nature, life, love and friendship are favorite themes for verses by this author. He is at his best when writing on these and kindred topics. The writer is pleased to quote the following selection which is classed with his Poems of Friendship:

FRIENDS

Should some one speak unkindly of your friend,
With earnest mien, you must his worth defend;
Though all the world should at your true friend chide,
Hold to his hand and stand close by his side—
For this we know: a true and trusty heart
Of happy life is an essential part.

Heaven will in its gentle kindness give
True friends to those who truly act and live,
But those that fail trustworthy friends to prize
At length are severed from these holy ties—
And finally, o'erwhelmed by doubt and fear,
Are borne by strangers on their rustic bier.

Should storms betide and all your fortune rend,
You still are rich if you possess a friend,
But if you win vast fortune and renown,
Or even wear a sceptered, kingly crown,
And have no friends, no trusty friends in need,
You still are poor, ah! very poor, indeed!

Though born in the antipodes, we think few Americans have touched more closely the spirit of democracy or treated with greater fervor the liberty and independence which is ours. Of this we have an admirable example in the following lines classed with his Poems of Sentiment:

LIBERTY

Written after visiting New York Harbor

Hail to the woman with the torch of fire,
Standing on Bedloe's Isle the world to guide!
Beacon to pilgrims of worthy sire,
Guide to the homeless! Far and wide
Has thy mighty welcome blazed its way

To all earth's tired as well as me,
 And now I see the break of better day,
 The dawn of freedom and of liberty!

Unlike the brazen Rhodes of Grecian lore,
 With mighty limbs from land to land;
 She stands upon the eastern sea-washed shore,
 The emblem of the free in heart and hand!
 Her face is glad with Music of the Spheres,
 Her eyes as stars in glowing beauty shine,
 She lights the path to peace in future years,
 She progress gives to me and all of mine!

Long centuries had pressed upon the poor,
 Had made them dead to joy and faith and fear;
 They could not hope to see an open door,
 So pressed with pain, could scarcely shed a tear:
 The Tragedy of Time caused head to bow,
 The Wheel of Labor made the back to bend;
 Profaned and robbed, what could they do, and how?
 What shores to them would friendly welcome send?

The masters and the lords of royal blood
 With monstrous mandates crushed the living soul,
 And ground man down with burdens and the flood
 Of wars. And, as the years and ages roll,
 Refused to right the base perfidious wrongs
 That dwarf and stun the much-bewildered brain—
 But, hark! I hear the welcome, new-born song
 And see the torch of liberty again!

Glides now the ship to anchor in the bay—
 Soon will I tread the shore of my adopted land
 And breathe a purer spirit, blessed day,
 As I step on the far-enchanted strand!
 This heritage is nature's noblest gift
 To man, and to the multitudes that come,
 As well as all who long have been adrift,
 And rest at last to make this land their home.

*Hail to the woman with the torch of fire,
 Standing on Bedloe's Isle the world to guide!
 Beacon to pilgrims of worthy sire,
 Guide to the homeless! Far and wide
 Has thy mighty welcome blazed the way
 To all earth's tired as well as me,
 And now I see the break of better day,
 The dawn of freedom and of liberty!*

From 1867 until February, 1900, the subject of this sketch resided on the family homestead immediately south of the town of Pilot Mound, a tract of one hundred and seventy acres that is now a part of the town, and in the latter year removed to the city of Boone, where he is still a resident. He is the owner of several large tracts of land, has a fine home in the city, and holds material interests in The Holst Publishing Company, a concern devoted to the publication of his books. In 1910 he completed building the Hotel Holst, Boone's popular hostelry, and equipped it with all the modern improvements. He is a stockholder and official in the Boone State Bank, in the Boone National Bank and in other large banking and commercial enterprises.

The subject of this sketch is a reader and has a fine library of more than five thousand volumes, including books printed in the English, German, Swedish and other languages. In his work he has exemplified the spirit of education approved by Sidney Smith, who said: "The real object of education is to give children resources that will endure as long as life endures; habits that will ameliorate, not destroy; occupation that will render sickness tolerable, solitude pleasant, age venerable, life more dignified and useful, and death less terrible." He is a man of distinct and forceful individuality, his influence has ever been on the side of progress and public improvement and Boone county has reason to be proud that she can number him among her citizens.

ISAAC GAGE OSGOOD.

Isaac Gage Osgood, who is one of the proprietors of the O. & D. Motor Company, has in a short time become one of the prosperous business men of Boone. His firm are agents for the Yale, DeLuxe, M. & M. and Eagle motor-cycles and they also deal in bicycles and cycle accessories besides doing various kinds of repairing. The business is located at No. 809 Allen street and the firm enjoys a most profitable trade.

Mr. Osgood was born in Marseilles, La Salle county, Illinois, June 10, 1875, and is a son of Simon T. and Louise L. (Gage) Osgood. The paternal grandparents are Luther P. and Catherine (Toll) Osgood, natives of Oneida county, New York. The grandfather, who is a farmer by occupation, removed to the middle west about sixty-two years ago, locating in La Salle county, and there he yet resides.

Isaac G. Osgood was educated in the public schools of La Salle county and the Des Moines College of Des Moines, Iowa. He attended school until about twenty years of age but as a boy worked in a lumberyard and grain elevator for his father. He subsequently started farming on his grandfather's property, which comprised four hundred and twenty acres, and there remained for five years, when the land was sold and our subject engaged with his father and brother, Beman F., in the manufacturing and lumber business, the firm being known as S. T. Osgood & Son. They were also at the head of the Marseilles Harrow Company. At the end of four years Isaac G. Osgood acquired title to a farm east of La Salle, Illinois, which he improved and cultivated until 1912, when he sold out and came to Boone, Iowa. Here he has since become the

head of the O. & D. Motor Company and in this short time has demonstrated his ability as a business man.

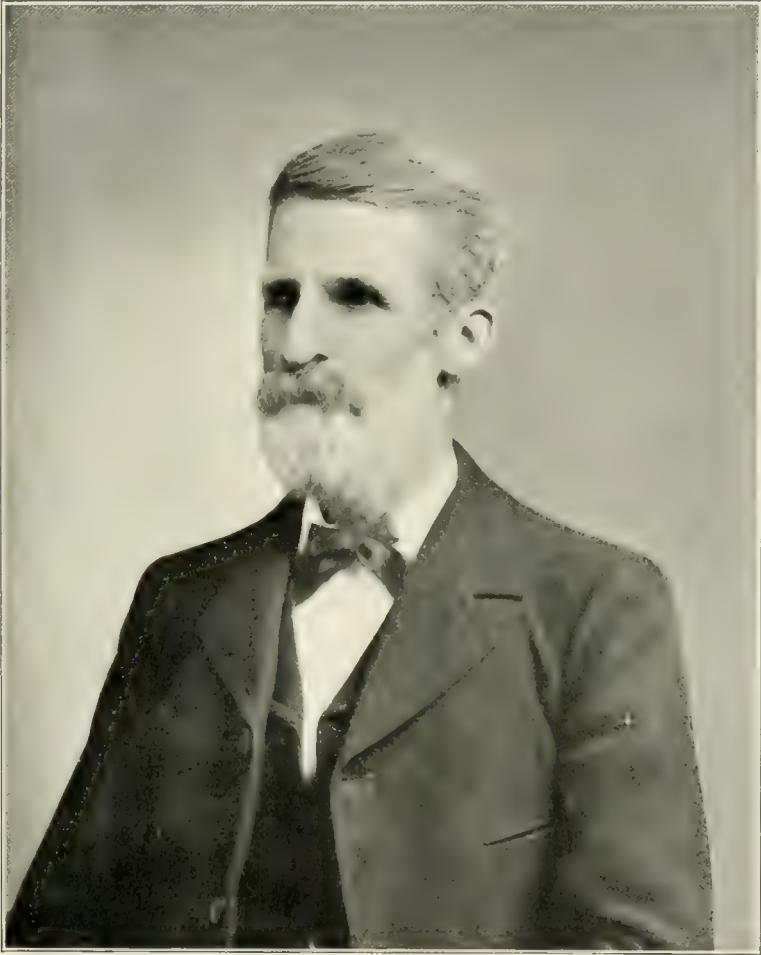
On December 15, 1897, Mr. Osgood married Miss Lottie E. Drackley, of La Salle county, Illinois, and they have five children: Lenore, Herbert M., Adelaide L., Simon T. and Charlotte L. Mr. Osgood is a republican but has never sought public office, although he is well informed upon all public questions and staunchly supports his party. He is a member of the Methodist Episcopal church and interested in its work. Although he has resided in Boone but two years, he already has established a reputation which ranks him with the successful men of that city, and it may be safely prophesied that his business affairs will grow in scope and importance as the years pass by.

JUDSON REYNOLDS CRARY.

Judson Reynolds Crary was a man whom to know was to respect and honor. Life was ever to him purposeful. Each day brought its opportunities that were well improved and, while his opportunities were not exceptional, he, through his own efforts, reached a position of broad intelligence as well as of business enterprise, resulting in a well rounded success. As the years went on he became more and more strongly endeared to the people of Boone and the surrounding country and since he has passed away his memory is cherished and revered by all who knew him and remains to them as a blessed benediction.

Mr. Crary was born on the 27th of August, 1837, at Pierrepont, St. Lawrence county, New York, and lived there until nineteen years of age. After teaching one term in a country school in Potsdam township, St. Lawrence county, he, with not over ten dollars in his pocket and a letter of recommendation from a judge, for whom he had written while working his way through the academy, arrived in Chicago and from 1856 to 1867 was employed as an accountant except for a number of months, when he served with the Chicago Board of Trade Battery at Cairo, Illinois. This battery was the first volunteer regiment to leave Chicago. He was honorably discharged from the same, for fever had rendered further service fatal. In 1865 he was joined by his brother M. S. Crary, who remained with him for two years. On the expiration of that period they came to Boone, arriving in 1867. In a partnership relation, which was formed on the 29th of April, 1867, they embarked in the general hardware and implement business and their trade constantly grew and developed until it became one of the largest of the kind in the state. The brothers continued together under the firm style of Crary Brothers until December 16, 1909, when they disposed of their interests. There were still many features of their business to close up, however, and they were yet engaged in that work when J. R. Crary became ill—an illness from which he never recovered.

On the 27th of October, 1867, Mr. Crary was married, in Livonia, New York, to Miss Jessie West, and brought his bride to their new home in Boone. They had one of the finest homes in the community, and it was ever the abode of a warm hearted and generous hospitality. Mr. and Mrs. Crary became the parents of



J. R. CRARY

three children: Bessie; Dr. A. W.; and Mrs. Ruth Stevenson, who has a little son, Dean Stevenson.

Mr. Crary was a member of the Universalist church, and his life was ever upright and honorable in all its relations. He constantly endeavored to do what he believed to be right, and his integrity and honor were never called into question. After attending the district schools in his early youth and select schools for a brief period he was graduated from the St. Lawrence Academy at Potsdam, which completed his school training, yet, throughout his life he remained a student, not only of books but of the signs of the times. He became a well educated, scholarly man. He possessed a notably retentive memory, read broadly and thought deeply. His reading covered a wide range, and he became the possessor of a very extensive and well selected library. He was especially fond of poetry and improved many a moment by picking up a volume and re-reading one of his favorite poems. It was an easy matter for him to express himself in light verse and sometimes he gave himself to the task of writing poetry of a more serious or classical nature. He enjoyed the study of genealogy, and he also spent many a pleasant hour in the cultivation of roses and in the pursuit of photography. Whatever he undertook was done with thoroughness. He enjoyed art, drama and music and read so broadly and studied so thoroughly along these lines that he was well qualified for advanced criticism. He loved nature in every phase, especially trees and flowers, and took great interest in working among them. He enjoyed travel and brought to new scenes the interest and enthusiasm of youth. His interest centered in his family and those who came to know him saw that beneath the calm, slightly stern exterior there was an unceasing fund of geniality. He was in sympathy with the young in their pleasures, and he had an unusually wide range of information concerning games and athletic sports. He was equally well versed upon the current topics of the day, and he could converse as readily with young people as with old, holding at all times their interest and attention. In the family circle, reaching out to brothers, sisters, nephews and nieces, he was always a favorite. They came to him for advice and assistance, which at all times were freely given. He held friendship inviolable. There were in him those qualities which drew him strongly to those with whom he came in contact and his associates constantly found unexplored depths in his nature, resulting from a comprehensive fund of information and a broad, keen sympathy with life in all of its higher purposes, activities and attitudes, which rendered association with him a constant pleasure and intellectual and moral uplift.

ARCHIE WEST CRARY, M. D.

The tendency of the age is towards specialization and those who attain the highest degree of proficiency are the men who, after familiarizing themselves with the broad general principles of a calling or profession, concentrate their energies upon a particular line and thus gain notable skill in one field. This practice Dr. Archie West Crary has followed and is today well known by reason of his special work in ophthalmology, otology and laryngology at Boone. He

was born April 18, 1876, in the city in which he still makes his home, his parents being J. R. and Jessie (West) Crary. The family comes of Scotch-Irish ancestry and was founded in America about one hundred years prior to the Revolutionary war. In the struggle for independence was Colonel Archibald Crary, after whom Dr. Crary is named.

After mastering the branches of learning taught in the public schools Dr. A. W. Crary entered Cornell College and won the Bachelor of Science degree upon graduation with the class of 1897. The following year he enlisted for service in the Spanish-American war, becoming a private of Company I, of the Fifty-second Iowa Infantry Volunteers. He continued in connection with the military organization of the state and in 1910 was elected to the rank of first lieutenant of the Fifty-sixth Regiment of the Iowa National Guard. In the meantime he continued his studies in preparation for a professional career and upon the completion of a medical course in the State University of Iowa won his M. D. degree in 1906. During the last two years of his medical course he acted as clinical assistant in the State University Hospital for twenty hours a week and after graduation was appointed to a position upon the faculty of the State University, with the title of clinical assistant in ophthalmology, rhinology and laryngology and occupied this position for one year, meanwhile assisting Dr. L. W. Dean, ex-president of the state medical association, in his work at the Vinton School of the Blind and in all his operative work. In 1907 he received the degree of Master of Science and in 1908 a special degree in ophthalmology, otology and laryngology. Since his graduation in 1906 he has continued in the practice of medicine and in his special field has shown marked efficiency.

On the 22d of June, 1910, Dr. Crary was united in marriage in Emmetsburg, Iowa, to Miss Ida May Johnson, who was republican candidate for county superintendent of schools of Palo Alto county in 1909. Their home and grounds at the corner of Fourth and Linn streets are a monument to the artistic tastes of Dr. Crary's father, and there they gladly entertain all true friends and neighbors. The Doctor is well known in fraternal circles, belonging to the Knights of Pythias, the Benevolent Protective Order of Elks and the Masons.

JOSIAH B. PATTERSON.

Josiah B. Patterson, proprietor of a well appointed and well stocked grocery store in Boone, conducted under the name of the Patterson Grocery Company, has for more than a half century been identified with business and public interests in this section of the state. He arrived in the county in 1856, locating at Belle Point, in the northeastern corner of Douglas township, upon a farm which his father had purchased in 1854. Since that time the family name has figured in connection with events of public importance and with the material development of the community.

Josiah B. Patterson was born in Morgan county, Ohio, August 28, 1842, a son of William and Sarah (Cadwallader) Patterson. The father's birth occurred in Harrison county, Ohio, November 20, 1819. He was a son of Jeremiah

Patterson, of North Carolina, and a grandson of Captain William Patterson, who was a Scotchman by parentage, although born in the north of Ireland. He became a sea captain, devoting his entire life to that calling. Jeremiah Patterson made farming his life work. He removed from North Carolina to Ohio and his death occurred in the latter state. His son, William Patterson, born and reared in Harrison county, Ohio, brought his family to Iowa in 1856 and settled upon a farm which he had previously purchased in 1854. With characteristic energy he began the development and cultivation of his land, which he converted into richly tilled fields, making his home thereon until his death. He was reared in the faith of the Society of Friends but afterward joined the Methodist Episcopal church. His wife was a native of Belmont county, Ohio, born February 27, 1821, and her death occurred in Boone county, July 12, 1906. She was a daughter of David Cadwallader, a native of North Carolina, although his father was a native of Wales and the founder of the family in the new world. It was in Morgan county, Ohio, in October, 1841, that William Patterson and Sarah Cadwallader were united in marriage. They became the parents of four children, of whom Josiah B. and two sisters are yet living, these being: Mrs. Rachel Reichenbach, the wife of Frederick Reichenbach, a resident of Colfax township; and Mrs. Edith Johnson, a widow, also residing in Colfax township. The other sister was Mrs. Sarah Voutrees, who was the wife of George Voutrees and who died in December, 1910.

Josiah B. Patterson spent the first fourteen years of his life in his native state and then accompanied his parents to Iowa. His educational opportunities were somewhat limited, but his training at farm labor was not meager. At the time of the Civil war, however, he put aside all business interests and personal considerations in order to respond to the country's call for aid, enlisting on the 11th of August, 1862, as a member of Company D, Thirty-second Iowa Infantry, with which he remained until mustered out on the 24th of August, 1865. He participated in a number of hotly contested engagements, but was never wounded, although he was often in the thickest of the fight.

When the war was over Mr. Patterson returned to Boone county and resumed farming, in which he engaged until 1888. He was then appointed deputy sheriff under Samuel Zenor, and the following year was elected to the office of sheriff, in which position he served for two terms, or four years, retiring from that position on the 1st of January, 1894. He was again called to public office in 1897 when appointed postmaster of Boonesboro, in which position he continued until 1902. In January of the latter year he was again made deputy sheriff and continued in that position for five years. Since September, 1908, he has been interested in the grocery trade and has divided his attention between his commercial and agricultural interests, for he still supervises his farm. He has an attractive store in which he carries a large and well selected line of staple and fancy groceries, and his success has placed him with the leading merchants of the city.

In March, 1862, Mr. Patterson was united in marriage, when but nineteen and a half years of age, to Miss Mary Hull, who was born in Licking county, Ohio, and when eight years of age came to Boone county with her father's family. This was in the year 1852. She was a daughter of Uriah and Rachel (Sigler) Hull, residents of Licking county, where they resided until coming

west to Iowa. The mother died in 1875 and the father passed away in 1888, when nearly ninety years of age. Their daughter, Mrs. Patterson, was called to her final rest November 27, 1907, and her death was deeply regretted by many friends as well as by her immediate family. By her marriage she had become the mother of seven children, all of whom survive. Charles H., is operating the home farm near Luther, Boone county. Mrs. Elizabeth Jenkins is living in Denver, Colorado. Emma is at home. Wilkie C. is a jeweler of Aurora, Illinois. Webb is engaged in the grocery business in Boonesboro. Sarah and Gertrude are at home, and the latter is employed in the Boone postoffice.

Politically Mr. Patterson has always been a stalwart republican. He has filled nearly all of the township and other local offices, and the record which he has made as a public officer is a creditable one, being characterized at all times by promptness, fidelity and loyalty. Socially he is connected with the Benevolent Protective Order of Elks and the Knights of Pythias. He is also a member of J. G. Miller Post, No. 69, G. A. R., and is as true and loyal to his country today as when he followed the old flag upon the battlefields of the south. The success which had come to him in a business way is the direct and merited reward of his own labors. Starting out in life with little capital, he has worked his way upward, and his energy and enterprise place him among the substantial citizens of his adopted county.

LLOYD A. TILLSON.

Lloyd A. Tillson, of Boone, is a member of the well known plumbing and heating firm of T. E. Nelson & Company. He is the outside representative for this business and has done much toward establishing it upon a profitable basis. He was born in Boone, November 4, 1880, and is a son of Josiah P. Tillson, who was born in Otsego, New York.

Lloyd A. Tillson was educated in the public schools of Boone, graduating with the class of 1898. He received his first lessons under Miss Adelaide Skliba and graduated from high school under Professor Miller. He then for two years pursued a course of mechanical engineering in the Iowa State College at Ames. At the end of that time he entered the employ of Sutherin & Company, working for four years in their plumbing shop, and there he laid the foundation for the valuable knowledge which he now uses in promoting his own interests. In 1905 he became connected with C. B. Sherman in the plumbing business, the headquarters of the firm being at No. 618 Story street, and he continued in that partnership until 1908, selling his interest to Mr. Sherman in that year and establishing business alone at No. 1009 Story street. He there remained for two years, disposing of his interests at the end of that time and acquiring a half share in the firm of T. E. Nelson & Company. Mr. Tillson has since given his sole attention toward the upbuilding of the business, and the firm enjoys the highest reputation, being engaged in sanitary plumbing and the installation of steam and hot water heating. Not only is he an expert in his particular trade but an excellent business man, the success of the firm being founded upon efficiency,

thoroughness and honesty. The honorable principles which influence all his actions have become the policy of the firm.

On June 7, 1905, Mr. Tillson was united in marriage to Miss Florence Stokes, of Boone, her parents being Isaac and Margaret (Kennedy) Stokes. They have three children: Robert Lloyd and Howard Dow, twins; and Jack Edwin. Mr. Tillson stands high in his community as a business man and citizen, being ever ready to promote enterprises which will prove of value to the city. Although he is not politically active, he is public-spirited and is conceded to be a factor in the development of his community and county.

JOHN JENSEN.

John Jensen, engaged in the cultivation of the William Bakley farm in Amaqua township, comprising a tract of one hundred and sixty acres on section 35, was born in Denmark, October 7, 1865, and is a son of Andres and Sina Jensen, who were also natives of that country. The father made farming his life work and has always continued a resident of Denmark, where he is now living retired, making his home with a daughter. His wife passed away in 1898.

John Jensen spent his youthful days in his native country and pursued his education in its public schools. His opportunities in that direction were somewhat meager, however, for when thirteen years of age he left home to earn his own living as a farm hand. He was thus employed until 1880, or until he was twenty-four years of age, when he bade adieu to friends and native land and sought a home in the new world. Landing on American shores, he pushed his way into the interior of the country, settling at Ogden, Boone county, where he began work as a farm hand, being thus employed for four years. Desiring that his labors should more directly benefit himself, he then rented the Earl farm in Beaver township, which he operated for a year. He next rented the William Bakley farm in Amaqua township and has since operated it, covering a period of nineteen years. He is now cultivating only one hundred and sixty acres, which tract is situated on section 35. At a former date, however, he engaged more largely in this work. He has extended the scope of his activities in other directions, for in October, 1913, he joined William Bakley in the conduct of a grain and coal business in Ogden under the firm style of Jensen & Company, in which connection he has already built up a big trade.

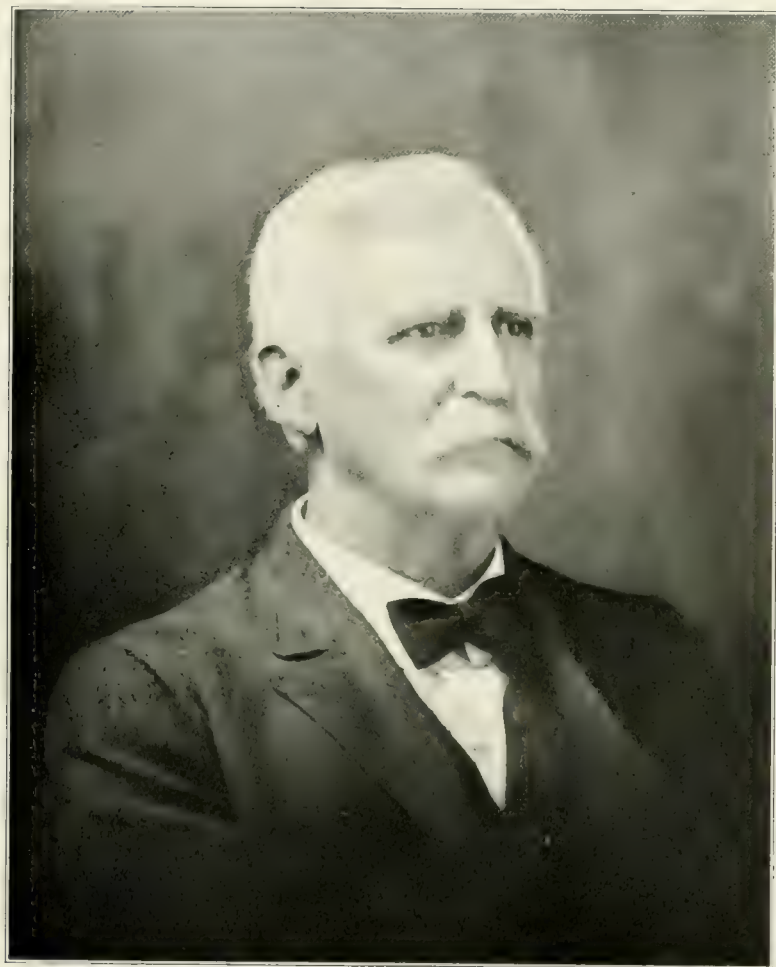
On the 30th of November, 1889, Mr. Jensen was united in marriage to Miss Mary Christensen, a daughter of Mels and Catherina (Jensen) Christensen, who were natives of Denmark. The father followed farming in his native country, where he is still living. Unto Mr. and Mrs. Jensen have been born four children: Clarence, thirteen years of age; Roy and Floyd, twins, aged eleven; and Freeman, aged seven. The religious faith of the family is that of the Lutheran church, to which they are most loyal, and the political belief of Mr. Jensen is that of the republican party, for he feels that its platform contains the best elements of good government. He is today a loyal and patriotic American citizen, having the same attachment for the land of his adoption as those who have been

born under the stars and stripes. He has never regretted his determination to come to the new world, for here he has found good opportunities, which he has improved, and is today one of the substantial citizens of Ogden and Amaqua township.

J. R. WHITAKER.

J. R. Whitaker, a prominent representative of the Boone county bar, holding at all times to high ideals in his profession, was born in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, June 3, 1852, his parents being Charles and Catherine (Ripka) Whitaker, who were also natives of the Keystone state. The father was born in the year 1820 and following the outbreak of the Civil war offered his services to the government, becoming colonel of the Twenty-eighth Regiment of Wisconsin Volunteers, with which he served throughout the period of hostilities. When he left Philadelphia to establish his home in the middle west, he settled in Waukesha county, Wisconsin, and there resided until 1866, when he brought his family to Iowa, settling first in Boonesboro. Subsequently he removed to Boone, where he engaged in the hardware business, and in 1868 he removed to a farm in Hamilton county, which remained his place of residence until 1881. He then established his home in Ames, Iowa, where he continued to reside until called to his final rest in December, 1892. He was twice married, his first wife being Catherine Ripka, by whom he had eight children: Catherine, J. R., J. M., Sarah, Amelia and Agnes, all of whom are yet living; and Lavinia and Ellen, deceased. The wife and mother passed away in 1862, and Mr. Whitaker afterward married Margaret Hill, whose death occurred in Hamilton county, Iowa, in December, 1894. There were several children by that marriage.

Judge Whitaker was a youth of fourteen years when the family came to Iowa, where for forty-eight years he has now made his home. His youth was largely passed upon his father's farm, and he supplemented his public school education by study in the Iowa State College, from which he graduated in 1874. In 1871, he was admitted to the bar, for he had determined upon the practice of law as a life work and had thoroughly qualified himself for the profession by preliminary reading. In 1878 he opened a law office in Boone in partnership with John A. Hull, Sr., the association continuing for five years, during which time Judge Whitaker made substantial progress in a profession where advancement is proverbially slow. At the end of that time, or in 1883, he was elected city attorney and the following year was again called to public office, being elected mayor of Boone. He discharged the duties of that position with promptness and capability for two years and in 1885 was elected to the office of county attorney, in which he continued through reelection for three terms. Judicial honors were conferred upon him in 1898, when he was elected district judge. He took his seat upon the bench, and his decisions, strictly fair and impartial, brought to him high commendation from his professional associates and the general public. At the close of his first term he was again his party's nominee and was reelected. On his retirement from the bench he resumed the private practice of law, and his clientage is now large and distinctively representative. His name is asso-



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ciated with the most important litigated interests that have been tried in the courts of the district for more than thirty-five years, and his pronounced ability has won for him his judicial honors and his gratifying success as a lawyer.

On the 5th of July, 1884, Mr. Whitaker was united in marriage to Miss Elizabeth Tallman, a native of New York, and they have become the parents of three children: Benjamin T., who is now a physician of Boone; Genevieve, who died in 1887; and James R., at home. The family attend the Presbyterian church, and Mr. Whitaker holds membership with the Knights of Pythias. His political allegiance is always given to the republican party, and in office he has given indisputable proof of his public-spirited devotion to the general good.

BENJAMIN B. WILEY.

Few business men of Boone are better or more favorably known than Benjamin B. Wiley, the manager of the Arie Opera House. Not only is Mr. Wiley achieving individual success in that position, but he is rendering a service to the general public of his city by providing amusement and entertainment to its people.

He was born in Waterloo, Iowa, on January 15, 1864, and is a son of Tobias Wile, a native of Stuttgart, Wurtemberg, Germany. The father was an officer in the German army and participated in the great war against France. His birth occurred about 1824 and he received an excellent education, entering upon military life before he was married. He held commissioned rank for six years. At the end of that time he crossed the Atlantic to New York, whence he made his way to Cincinnati. Not too proud to earn an honest dollar by any means that were honorable and taking advantage of opportunities as they presented themselves, he peddled goods in that city in order to procure a living. He married Miss Julia Rosenstock, a native of Alsace-Lorraine, who emigrated to the United States at the age of eighteen, leaving behind her her parents, who both died in Alsace. From Cincinnati the father went after his marriage to Waterloo, Iowa, where he bought and sold stock. He often drove overland to Chicago in the pursuit of this business. Later he turned his attention to the clothing trade in Waterloo and conducted a store with great success for a number of years. The last years of his life he lived in retirement and died in 1889, in Waterloo, his widow surviving him but three months. His burial took place in Dubuque. The parents of our subject had the following children: Moses, a capitalist of Warrensburg, who married a Miss Roberts; Sarah, who is now Mrs. Edward Hopkins of Duluth; Louis, of Minneapolis, who is engaged in business in that city; Max R., of Chicago; Benjamin B., of this review; Fanny, who is Mrs. I. B. Myers of Memphis, Tennessee; Mayme; Sophia; and Hattie. The last three make their home in Chicago.

Benjamin B. Wiley attended the public schools of Waterloo till he was fourteen years of age. At that early age he took upon himself the responsibilities of life, becoming an employe of M. Hellman, a clothing merchant of Omaha, for whom he clerked for ten years. He spent two years at Yankton, South Dakota, for the same company and for three years was located at Grand Island. At the

end of that time, in August, 1901, Mr. Wiley with three of his sisters came to Boone and opened a racquet store. Subsequently Mr. Wiley assumed the management of the old Phipps Opera House of Boone, and it may be mentioned in this connection that while in Omaha he acted as treasurer of Boyd's Opera House there, fulfilling the duties of this office during the evenings. In Boone he subsequently became a partner of James J. Kirby in the management of the opera house and the bill-posting business and successfully continued so for seven or eight years. The partnership was then dissolved and during this time the old opera house was remodeled and the name changed to the Arie Opera House, the building having been bought by B. Arie. Upon Mr. Kirby leaving the firm Mr. Wiley assumed entire charge and management, and he has since successfully conducted the establishment. He is well versed in all the details connected with the business and has proven himself an efficient manager and a farsighted business man.

In November, 1899, Mr. Wiley married Miss Edith Foster, who was born in Boone in 1881 and is a daughter of William and Matilda Foster. To this union the following children were born: Max, thirteen years of age; Harold, who is eleven; Julia, nine; Benjamin B., Jr., six; and Marjorie, aged four. The family reside at 1324 Green street and occupy one of the largest and most handsome homes in Boone. Mr. Wiley has always been an ardent democrat and cast his first vote for Grover Cleveland. Locally, however, he is independent in his support of candidates and even in national politics he rather prefers to follow his own judgment nowadays. Mr. Wiley is a public-spirited citizen and has contributed much toward the growth and development of his city, being ever ready to give financial and moral support to all those measures which promise to be of value to the city and its inhabitants.

WILLIAM D. KRUSE.

William D. Kruse, a prosperous and enterprising young citizen of Boone county, is a factor in financial circles as assistant cashier of the Ogden State Bank, which position he has held for the past five years. He is a worthy native son of this county, his birth having occurred in Ogden on the 28th of August, 1887. His parents, Hans and Catherine (Retus) Kruse, were both born in Schleswig, Germany. The father took up his abode among the pioneer settlers of Boone county, Iowa, in the early '60s, and here devoted his attention to general agricultural pursuits throughout his active business career, winning gratifying success in his undertakings and becoming the owner of considerable property. He passed away on the 25th of April, 1911, and the community mourned the loss of one of its substantial and esteemed citizens. His widow survives and is also widely and favorably known.

William D. Kruse, reared and educated in the county of his nativity, was a youth of twelve years when in 1899 his parents established their home in Ogden, where he attended school for four years. Subsequently he spent six years as clerk in a grocery store and on the expiration of that period was made assistant cashier in the Ogden State Bank, in which capacity he has served for the past

five years. He is a stockholder in the institution and as an able and courteous official has contributed materially to its continued growth and success. Mr. Kruse likewise handles fire and life insurance and deals in real estate to some extent. He owns one hundred and sixty acres of valuable land in Amaqua township, this county.

On the 15th of February, 1911, Mr. Kruse was united in marriage to Miss Grace Gustlin, a daughter of John Gustlin, a resident of Callender, Webster county, Iowa. Our subject and his wife have one child, Vivian, who is about two years of age.

Mr. Kruse gives his political allegiance to the democracy and now acts as treasurer of Ogden, proving an efficient incumbent in that important position. He also serves as treasurer of the Boone County Fair Association and is widely recognized as a loyal and public-spirited citizen who has the best interests of his community at heart. His religious views are in accord with those of the Lutheran and Methodist churches. He is a young man of strong and estimable character and highly respected by all who know him.

JAMES JOHNSTONE.

There is much credit due James Johnstone for what he has achieved because he began his career in a comparatively humble position and today owns a prosperous bakery in Boone, being numbered among the substantial business men of the city. He was born in Inverness, Scotland, December 26, 1868, and is a son of James and Margaret (Ross) Johnstone. The grandfather, James Johnstone, was a butcher and drover and a successful man in that line of business in his day. He died in the little town of Petty, near Inverness, Scotland. The father, who was born about 1843, after attending the public schools, worked as a drover and butcher. He drove cattle through all that section of Scotland and located in Inverness, where he was married and carried on business for several years. He then moved to the little town of Ballintore, where he now resides, the town being located on the Scotch coast, north of Inverness. He ships live stock to the London markets by the boat route and is a substantial business man of his little city. His wife died in 1898. She was a strict Presbyterian, to which faith her husband also gives his allegiance. They were the parents of the following children: Margaret, who is married and resides on a farm near Aberdeen; William, of Perth, Scotland, who is also married and is employed as an engineer on the Highland Railroad; Janet, of Tain, Scotland, who married James Sangster, a contractor; James, our subject; Christina, who is married, her husband following carpentering in Aberdeen, Scotland; Alexander, a drover of Ballintore; John, a carpenter of Boone, Iowa; George, a hotel-keeper of Johannesburg, South Africa, who is married and served with the scouts in the British army during the Boer war; and David, of Ballintore, Scotland.

James Johnstone of this review passed his boyhood in Inverness and Ballintore, both romantic and historic old towns of Scotland. There he attended the public schools, receiving thorough instruction until fourteen years of age, when he was apprenticed to the baker's trade in Inverness, serving for four years. After

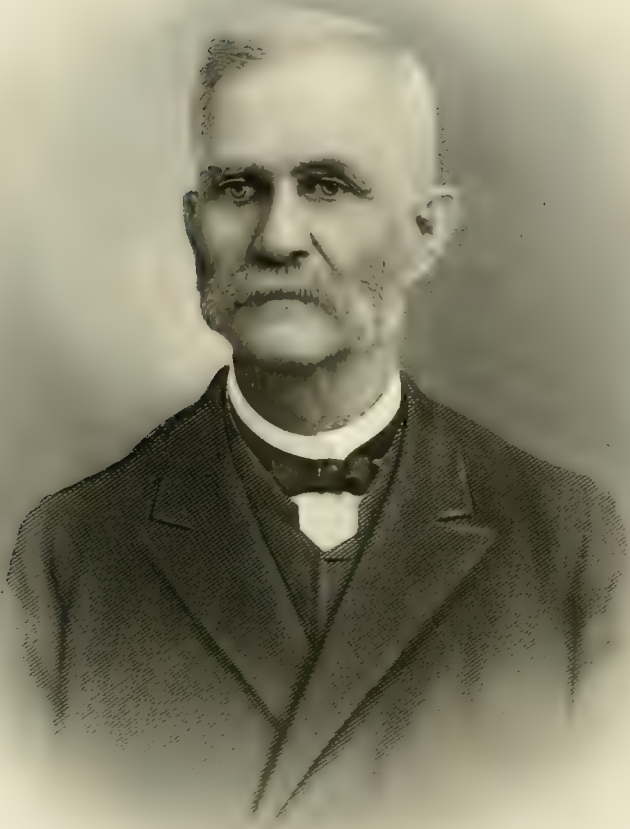
having completed his indenture he set sail from Glasgow for New York, where he arrived in May, 1886. After a short stay he removed to Boston, where he was employed at his trade for three years, and then went to Chicago after having visited various states. He spent the years 1892, 1893 and 1894 in Chicago and then proceeded to Des Moines, Iowa, where he had charge of the S. B. Garton bakery for a time. This was the largest establishment of its kind there in those days. Mr. Johnstone next came to Boone, finding employment with the Perrine bakery for about three years. At the end of that period he started in the same business independently in the old Crary building, on the site of the present garage and removed from there one and one-half years ago to his present place, his establishment turning out a grade of goods which is eagerly demanded by a large list of customers. Mr. Johnstone is a thoroughly up-to-date business man, having equipped his plant with modern machinery and using the most sanitary methods in the manufacture of his goods. He enjoys a high reputation for fairness—a reputation which is merited.

In May, 1895, James Johnstone married Miss Alice Reed, of Rose Hill, Iowa, a daughter of William Reed. They have three sons, Horatio, William and George. The parents are members of the Presbyterian church and politically Mr. Johnstone is a stanch republican, ever upholding the issues and candidates of his party. He is thoroughly well informed upon all public questions and particularly interested in those affecting his city and county. He has been a prime mover in promoting a number of valuable measures which have turned out beneficially for the city and stands in the front ranks with those men who have at heart the progress of the community. He is esteemed and respected by all who know him in a business or social way and is well entitled to the confidence and trust with which he is met on all sides.

NATHAN E. GOLDTHWAIT.

Nathan E. Goldthwait was born in Mendon, Worcester county, Massachusetts, December 29, 1827. At the age of eight years he moved with his parents to Uxbridge, Massachusetts, where he attended the common public schools until the age of seventeen. At that time his ambition led him to seek a college education, depending on his own resources to win his way. For two years he attended in succession the Worcester and Uxbridge Academies of his native state. He entered Brown University in September, 1848, and graduated in June, 1852. He was at once appointed a teacher in the Worcester (Mass.) Academy, where he remained two years. In the years 1854 and 1855 he was principal (the last principal) of the Uxbridge Academy and also the first principal of the Uxbridge high school.

Early in 1856 the western fever took him to Wisconsin, where he became president of the Wisconsin Female College at Fox Lake, now transferred to Milwaukee and one of the best ladies' colleges of our country. Before coming west he was appointed president of Wayland University, of Beaver Dam, Wisconsin. This he declined and took the position at Fox Lake subsequently. In November, 1868, he came to Boone, Iowa, as first superintendent and organizer



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of the graded schools of the city. Previous to this time only a common district school kept by Mr. Ford had been maintained in the city. Soon after arriving in Boone he bought fifteen hundred acres of prairie land at from three to five dollars per acre. While engaged in his profession he improved a part and sold a part of the land. Although retaining his residence in Boone, he was elected professor of mathematics in Des Moines College, but in the year 1886, on January 1, he with Clinton Tomlinson, as partner and business manager, bought of Means & Downing the Boone Republican, then a weekly paper of good reputation in the county and state. Since that time he has been engaged in the newspaper business and in managing his real estate. About the year 1906 he sold the Daily News to his son Stephen and assisted him in establishing the Boone News-Republican after buying out a rival daily. The News-Republican now has a new office building and press as fine as any in a town of fifteen thousand people in this state.

On the 25th of April, 1845, Mr. Goldthwait united with the Baptist Church of North Uxbridge, Massachusetts, and has been a loyal member of the denomination since. On August 25, 1852, he was united in marriage with Mary A. Thayer, also of Uxbridge, Massachusetts. On January 12, 1914, the wife of more than sixty-one years departed this life. The burial occurred on Wednesday, January 14, 1914. The casket adorned with her favorite flowers and containing the sacred relics, rests in beautiful Linwood Park.

NELSON M. WHITEHILL, M. D.

Dr. Nelson M. Whitehill, a successful physician and surgeon of Boone, has here followed his profession continuously for the past decade and is accorded an extensive practice. His birth occurred in Green Mountain, Marshall county, Iowa, on the 13th of October, 1870, his parents being William H. and Margaret J. (Gibson) Whitehill, natives of Virginia. The father, who devoted his attention to agricultural pursuits throughout his active business career, passed away on the 3d of March, 1908. The mother survives, however, making her home at State Center, Iowa. They were the parents of four children, as follows: Nelson M., of this review; William J., who acts as cashier of the Dobbin & Whitson Bank of State Center, Iowa; Benjamin C., residing in Saskatchewan, Canada; and Anna Belle, the wife of L. J. Rice, a druggist of Hubbard, Iowa.

Nelson M. Whitehill pursued a high-school course, subsequently followed the profession of teaching for two years and then for three years attended Grinnell College of Grinnell, Iowa. Having determined upon the practice of medicine as a life work, he entered Rush Medical College of Chicago for professional training and in 1897 was graduated from that institution with the degree of M. D. During the next seven years he practiced at Garwin, Tama county, this state, and in 1904 came to Boone, which city has since remained the scene of his professional labors. He is careful in the diagnosis of a case and has been very successful in the administration of remedial agencies, bringing back health and happiness to many of his patients.

On the 25th of December, 1897, Dr. Whitehill was joined in wedlock to Miss Mary L. Brown, a native of Iowa, by whom he has two children, Marguerite

and Charlotte. He is a republican in politics and now holds the office of county coroner. He has been a member of the school board for three years, thus evincing his interest in educational matters. His religious faith is that of the Presbyterian church, and he serves as president of the board of directors of the Young Men's Christian Association. Fraternally he is identified with the Masons and the Knights of Pythias. He has those personal qualities which make for popularity and has gained many friends outside of professional circles.

F. H. GRAVES.

F. H. Graves of Madrid is to be numbered among the successful bankers of Iowa, having been a valuable factor in the upbuilding of the Farmers Savings Bank of Madrid, of which he now serves as cashier. The high reputation for solidity which this institution enjoys is largely due to the circumspect efforts of its able manager, Mr. Graves. He was born in Belle Point, Douglas township, Boone county, July 2, 1867. His parents were Henry M. and Caroline (Hull) Graves, the former born in Clay county, Indiana, April 1, 1840, and the latter a native of Missouri. The Graves family were among the pioneers of Boone county, and the father is yet residing in Madrid. The mother, however, died in that town in 1904. She came with her parents to this county by the overland route when but six months of age, in 1846, the family settling at Belle Point. There were no railroads at that time and the stage station was at their place. Around them still stretched unbroken prairie in all directions. The marriage of Mr. and Mrs. Graves took place in this county, and they became the parents of four children, of whom two are living: F. H., of this review; and H. C., also residing in Madrid.

F. H. Graves was reared in Boone county and in the acquirement of his fundamental education attended the common schools. He subsequently improved his opportunities by attending the Iowa State College at Ames, from which he was graduated in 1887. His business activities have been confined to Boone county with the exception of one year, during which he was engaged in commercial pursuits in Des Moines. For eleven years Mr. Graves conducted a drug store in Madrid and earned during that time the reputation of being an up-to-date, successful, aggressive and honest business man. In 1901 he was chosen assistant cashier of the Madrid State Bank and in 1908, upon the reorganization of the Farmers Savings Bank of Madrid, he became its cashier. He occupies that position at present and has proven himself a shrewd, able and progressive banker. He thoroughly understands the world's mart of finance and readily makes use of those legitimate opportunities which present themselves in order to further the interests of his institution. He is a man of rare executive ability, yet he has the capacity of handling a lot of detail and is ever ready to embrace suggestions which might prove of value to the growth of the bank. However, Mr. Graves is very conservative in regard to the investment of the funds of the bank and is exceedingly careful of his depositor's interests. On the other hand, he is ever ready to extend credit to new industry and enterprise if he can be convinced of the solid foundation of such new ventures. In that manner he has

contributed to the growth of his city by means of his bank. His gift of keen observation and his understanding of human nature are also valuable factors in his success. The bank of which he is now at the head was organized in 1904 as a private firm by Schooler & Son of Des Moines. The capital and surplus amounts to thirty thousand dollars at present, and their field extends to all departments of general banking.

In 1888 Mr. Graves married Miss Frederica Schaal, who was born in Polk county, Iowa, July 19, 1868. There she attended the common schools and grew to womanhood. She taught school in Polk county and afterward attended the Iowa State College. Her parents, Adam and Miriam (Leighty) Schaal, were honored pioneers of Polk county, where they settled in 1851. The father was born in Wurttemberg, Germany, and passed away in the county which had been so long his home in December, 1912. The mother, a native of Pennsylvania, died while visiting in the state of Colorado. Mr. and Mrs. Schaal had eleven children: W. J., of Polk county; Mrs. Mary Rogers, of Grand Junction, Colorado; F. A., of Seattle, Washington; Mrs. Frederica Graves; Mrs. W. C. Arie, of San Francisco, California; Mrs. R. M. Harvey, of Perry, Iowa; D. F., of Sheldahl, Iowa; C. D., of Beach, North Dakota; E. A., of Polk county; R. B., of Des Moines, Iowa; and Mrs. Roy Johnson, of Alleman, Iowa. All were born in Polk county.

F. H. Graves gives his allegiance to the progressive party. He believes in the ideals and ideas of this organization and eagerly advocates their adoption. He has been a member of the town council of Madrid, serving with distinction, and for one term has held the office of town clerk. Both he and his wife are members of the Methodist Episcopal church of Madrid. Fraternally Mr. Graves is a member of Star Lodge, No. 115, A. F. & A. M., and has held all the offices in the same. He also belongs to Tuscan Chapter, R. A. M., of Boone; El Kader Commandery of Boone; and Za-ga-zig Temple, A. A. O. N. M. S., of Des Moines. He is a member of Madrid Lodge, No. 433, I. O. O. F., of Madrid and Camp No. 2426, M. W. A., of that city. Mr. Graves owns a handsome home where both he and his wife extend warm-hearted hospitality to their many friends. He is considered one of the most substantial citizens of his community, and it redounds to his credit that he has won a prominent place among his fellowmen through his own efforts. Interested in all measures and movements of public welfare, he has been a great factor for good, and his life's actions have not only brought him individual prosperity but have influenced the growth of his community and county.

JOHN M. KNAPP, D. D. S.

Dentistry may be said to be almost unique among occupations, as it is at once a profession, a trade and a business. Such being the case, it follows that in order to attain the highest success in it one must be thoroughly conversant with the theory of the art, must be expert with the many tools and appliances incidental to the practice of modern dentistry and must possess business qualifications adequate to dealing with the financial side of the profession. In all of these par-

particulars, Dr. John M. Knapp is well qualified and therefore has attained prestige among the able representatives of dentistry in Boone county. He has followed the profession in Boone for the past six years and is a young practitioner of undoubted skill and ability. His birth occurred in Vinton, Benton county, Iowa, on the 16th of April, 1885, his parents being George Redmond and Dora (Denman) Knapp, the former a native of Pennsylvania and the latter of Iowa. To Mr. and Mrs. G. R. Knapp were born six children, as follows: Grace, who gave her hand in marriage to E. M. Gunther, of Boone, Iowa; George E., a resident of Washington, D. C.; Elsie, deceased; Anna, who is the wife of Russell Shreeves, of Keystone, Iowa; John M., of this review; and Esther, at home.

John M. Knapp was graduated from the Vinton high school in 1904 and subsequently worked for a short time in his father's office. He also spent a brief period as deputy recorder and later entered the dental department of the State University of Iowa at Iowa City, being graduated therefrom in 1908. It was his intention to locate for practice in the West, but he first visited his sister in Boone and was so attracted by the town and its opportunities that he bought out Dr. T. B. Hollenbeck and has remained there continuously since. The wisdom of his choice of a location is indicated in the large and lucrative practice which is accorded him, for his skill is widely recognized and constantly called in requisition.

On the 7th of June, 1911, Dr. Knapp was united in marriage to Miss Belle Ray, a native of Benton, Iowa. He is a republican in politics and supports the Presbyterian church, while fraternally he is identified with the Masons and the Benevolent Protective Order of Elks. In both professional and social circles of his community he is popular and highly respected.

HENRY D. HAGGE.

Henry D. Hagge represents important commercial interests in Beaver as manager of the grain business owned by the Quaker Oats Company. He was born in Amaqua township, Boone county, June 5, 1877, and is a son of Claus and Margaret (Hensen) Hagge, the former a native of Germany and the latter of Jackson county, Iowa. The father emigrated to America in his young manhood and after residing elsewhere for a short time came to Boone county, where he at first rented land but shortly afterward bought a farm in Amaqua township. This he improved and operated until 1893, when he retired to Ogden. His energy, however, would not let him rest and later he engaged in the lumber and grain business until 1903. Both he and his wife are still residents of Ogden and are enjoying a comfortable competence.

Henry D. Hagge was reared and educated in the district and public schools of Ogden. For six summers he worked as a farm hand and attended school during the winter season. In the spring of 1899 he came to Beaver and had charge of the lumber and grain business of his father until 1902. From July of that year until January 1, 1906, Mr. Hagge was connected with Nylander Brothers & Williams, at Ogden, who were implement and grain dealers. On the latter date he embarked in the grain and live-stock busi-

ness independently in Ogden, associating with him Claus Tams, the firm becoming Tams & Hagge. This association continued until 1910. On March 1 of that year Mr. Hagge came to Beaver, accepting the position of manager of the Wells Hord Grain Company, in which capacity he has since remained although the ownership of the concern has passed to the Quaker Oats Company of Chicago. Mr. Hagge has proven himself an able business man and enjoys the full confidence of the officers at headquarters. His business ability is readily recognized in Beaver and he is considered one of the most shrewd grain dealers. Mr. Hagge has succeeded because he combined with business ability a policy which stamps him as a man of the highest character. His methods have always been fair and square and his word is as good as his bond.

On October 15, 1902, Mr. Hagge married Miss Emma Reimers, a daughter of John and Botilda (Thompson) Reimers, who were Boone county pioneers. Her father throughout life followed agricultural pursuits and on one property resided for thirty-two years. He passed away December 18, 1907. His widow now lives in Ogden. Mr. and Mrs. Hagge have two children: Carl W., who is nine years of age; and Irene L., aged six.

Mr. Hagge has always taken a deep interest in the progress and growth of Beaver and stands high in the regard of his fellow citizens. He is the present mayor and has served in that capacity for three years, giving his community a businesslike and satisfactory administration. He is a democrat and his religious faith is that of the Lutheran church. Mr. Hagge must be considered a vital force in the growth and upbuilding of Beaver, upon the development of which city he has had a most beneficial influence.

JOHN A. PETERSON.

John A. Peterson has since 1903 been an equal partner with Charles Rosen in the firm of Charles Rosen & Company of Ogden, with which establishment he first became identified as an employe a quarter of a century ago. They carry an enormous stock of harness and horse goods and a full line of shoes. Mr. Peterson was born in Sweden on the 11th of October, 1867, his parents being Peter A. and Christine Johnson, who are also natives of that country. The father, a farmer by occupation, is now engaged in agricultural pursuits in the interests of the government. He has reached the age of seventy-six years, while his wife is seventy-four years old.

John A. Peterson was reared and educated in the land of his nativity and there followed farming in association with his father until 1887. When a young man of twenty years he crossed the Atlantic to the United States and came direct to Boone county, Iowa, entering the service of the Chicago & Northwestern Railway at Ogden and being thus employed for two years. In December, 1889, he secured a position with the harness firm of Goetzman & Company and learned the trade, finding the business so much to his liking that he has remained continuously identified therewith to the present time. The establishment later came into possession of Charles Rosen, and on the 2d of January, 1903, Mr. Peterson became an equal partner in the concern, which has since been known as Charles

Rosen & Company. They carry a very extensive stock of harness and horse goods as well as a complete line of shoes and enjoy a liberal and lucrative patronage that has made the enterprise most profitable. Mr. Peterson owns a handsome residence in the eastern part of Ogden and also has a fine orchard of two acres.

On the 17th of April, 1893, Mr. Peterson was united in marriage to Miss Anna Anderson, a daughter of E. M. and Emma Jonson, natives of Sweden, where the father is engaged in business as a butcher. Mr. and Mrs. Peterson have four children, namely: Ruth, who is nineteen years of age; Paul, eighteen years old; and Werner Linne and David C. A., who are fourteen and twelve years of age respectively. Mr. Peterson gives his political allegiance to the progressive party, while his religious faith is indicated by his membership in the Swedish Mission. The hope that led him to leave his native land and seek a home in America has been more than realized. He found the opportunities he sought,—which, by the way, are always open to the ambitious, energetic man,—and making the best of these he has steadily worked his way upward. He possesses the resolution, perseverance and reliability so characteristic of his nation, and his name is now enrolled among the best citizens of Boone county.

JOHN T. S. WILLIAMS.

John T. S. Williams, one of the leading and respected citizens of Boone county, where he has resided continuously for the past forty-five years, has since 1907 lived retired in Ogden. He has reached the ripe old age of seventy-nine years, his birth having occurred in Canada on the 31st of August, 1835. His parents were the Rev. Ebenezer and Margaret (Sheriff) Williams, the former a native of Wales and the latter of Scotland.

In 1869, when a young man of thirty-four years, John T. S. Williams came to Boone county, Iowa, from Wisconsin, purchasing land in Beaver township which he improved and cultivated until 1879. He was then elected county treasurer and filled the office with credit for two years, on the expiration of which period he embarked in the general mercantile business at Ogden, conducting an enterprise of that character for six years. Subsequently he again devoted his attention to farming for a year but at the end of that time returned to Ogden, where he was successfully engaged in the implement business until 1893. In that year he was appointed postmaster under President Cleveland and for four years ably discharged the duties devolving upon him in that connection. Afterward he embarked in the real-estate business and was thus successfully engaged until 1907, since which time he has lived retired. He owns a handsome residence in Ogden and also has considerable farm property.

On the 20th of October, 1858, Mr. Williams was united in marriage to Miss Jane Thomas, a daughter of William and Mary (Bowden) Thomas, who were natives of England. Unto our subject and his wife were born seven children, as follows: G. K., who operates his father's farm in Boone county; Charles H., also an agriculturist of this county; Charlotte J., the wife of J. A. Nylander, who is living retired; Lilly S., who passed away on the 20th of October, 1909; Laura M., the wife of C. L. Thomas; Edgar R., who is the editor of the Ogden



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Reporter; and Amy F., the wife of J. C. Davis, who is dean of Marquette University in Milwaukee, Wisconsin.

Mr. Williams is a democrat in his political views and for a number of years ably served as clerk of Beaver township, which he organized. The cause of education has ever found in him a stalwart champion and has benefited by his labors on the school board, of which he long served as secretary. His religious faith is that of the Methodist church. He is an honored pioneer of his community and has not only witnessed its growth but has earnestly aided in the work of development and upbuilding. The circle of his friends is almost coextensive with the circle of his acquaintances, for his life has ever been such as to win for him the esteem and regard of all with whom he has come in contact.

JOHN B. MATHERS.

Although John B. Mathers is one of the youngest business men of Boone he must be numbered among the most successful in the industrial circles of the city. He is the senior member of the contracting and building firm of Mathers & Addison, who conduct a most profitable and growing business in Boone, where Mr. Mathers has now resided for about eight years. He was born in the town of Linlithgow, Scotland, December 23, 1882, and is a son of James and Ann (Baxter) Mathers. The grandfather, Robert Mathers, was a native of Inverness-shire, Scotland. He was a brewer and distiller and did an extensive business in his native district. His death occurred in 1904, at the age of eighty-one years. He was twice married and was the father of the following children: David; Nell, of Edinburgh, Scotland; Elizabeth, of Glasgow; Mary, of Boness; James, the father of our subject; and Alexander, of Glasgow.

James Mather was born in Fettercairn, Inverness-shire, Scotland, about the year 1856. His education was a meager one and he early began work in his father's brewery and distillery. Later he succeeded him in business, carrying on the same in his native district for a number of years. About 1878 he went to Middleton, County Cork, Ireland, and has since been employed as a brewer and distiller by the Cork Distillery Company. His wife is also living and both are members of the Episcopal church of Ireland. In their family were the following children: Robert, who died in infancy; Robert, second of the name, who also died when young; Margaret, who died in infancy; John B., of this review; David, of Middleton, Ireland; Agnes, who married James Hendry, of Lynn, Massachusetts; Nell, of Newport, Rhode Island; Annite, of Palmetto Bluff, South Carolina; and Mary, of Lynn, Massachusetts.

John B. Mathers attended the parochial schools of Middleton, Ireland, for five years and then studied under the Christian Brothers of the same place until seventeen. After completing his education he entered the employ of the Cork Distillery Company, remaining with that concern for one year. He then crossed to Polmont, Scotland, where he learned the carpenter's trade, at which he worked for six years. His next move brought him to the new world, when he sailed from Glasgow on the steamer Caledonia and landed in New York in March, 1906. His present partner, Thomas Addison, accompanied him to the eastern

metropolis and they worked in New York for five months and subsequently in Newark, New Jersey, for five months. Mr. Mathers then came to Boone, accepting a position with Frank Henry, a contractor, with whom he remained for three years, Mr. Addison being in the same employ. At the end of that time both returned to Scotland but after five months came back to Boone and founded the firm of Mathers & Addison. They have since been very successful as contractors and have been entrusted with the building of numerous homes in the city and vicinity. Mr. Mathers is a reliable workman of no mean business ability and enjoys in his community a reputation which places him among the substantial business men of Boone.

He was married here June 21, 1912, to Miss Mary Chalmers, a native of Boone and a daughter of Joseph and Margaret (Gillespie) Chalmers, and to this union was born a son, James. They reside at No. 1015 West Fourth street, in a comfortable home, where they often entertain their friends.

Fraternally Mr. Mathers is a member of the Masons and the Odd Fellows, having joined the former by becoming affiliated with the St. John Lodge of Polmont, Scotland. His membership with the Odd Fellows is in Boone Lodge, No. 79. Politically he is a republican, believing in the policies of that party and supporting its measures and candidates at the polls. He is a progressive man of new ideas and can always be found in the front ranks of those who inaugurate new movements in order to develop the city and contribute to its betterment and growth.

S. PARKER CLARK.

S. Parker Clark, a popular and esteemed young citizen of Ogden, has for the past six years been identified with the Ogden State Bank in the capacity of cashier. He is numbered among the worthy native sons of Boone county, his birth having occurred in Ogden in November, 1881. His parents, Dr. Orson and Lucy Emma (Sylvester) Clark, took up their abode among the pioneer residents of Boone county in 1869. A sketch of the father appears on another page of this work.

S. Parker Clark was reared and educated in the place of his nativity and following his graduation from the public schools entered Drake University at Des Moines, where he completed the pharmaceutical course in 1902. Returning to Ogden, he there worked in a drug store for six years, on the expiration of which period he purchased the business and continued its conduct until 1908. In that year he disposed of the store and accepted the position of cashier in the Ogden State Bank, in which capacity he has remained continuously since, making a highly creditable and commendable record and enjoying an enviable reputation in financial circles. He is likewise a stockholder in the institution.

In March, 1904, Mr. Clark was united in marriage to Miss Grace Upton, a daughter of Harley and Ruth (Bamun) Upton, who were pioneer settlers of Boone county and have passed away. Mr. and Mrs. Clark have one daughter, Ruth Louise, who is six years of age.

Politically Mr. Clark is a republican, while his religious faith is that of the Congregational church. He is a worthy exemplar of the Masonic fraternity and also belongs to the Knights of Pythias. In the community where practically his entire life has been spent he has a circle of friends which is almost coextensive with the circle of his acquaintances.

THOMAS ADDISON.

Thomas Addison is a worthy representative of that sturdy race of Scotch people who have contributed so much toward the development and prosperity of this country. He is a member of the firm of Mathers & Addison, carpenters and contractors of Boone, Iowa, and is widely recognized as a shrewd and able business man and an expert in his line of work. He was born in the town of Linlithgow, Linlithgowshire, Scotland, September 22, 1882, and is a son of Abram and Margaret (Bryce) Addison, while his paternal grandparents were William and Margaret Addison. The grandfather, who was a farmer by occupation, respected and esteemed in his neighborhood, died in Linlithgow about 1890, at the age of eighty-four years. His wife passed away a year later, being then eighty-two. Both were members of the Presbyterian church and devout in their religious professions. Their children were: Abram, the father of our subject; John, a resident of Scotland, who follows farming and auctioneering and who has been twice married; William, who is married and follows agricultural pursuits in his native land; George, a banker of Dalmellington, Scotland, who is married; Annie, deceased, and Thomas, who is engaged in the insurance business in Edinburgh.

Abram Addison attended the public schools in Scotland and after completing his education assisted his father with the work on the home farm. He remained there until married, when he took up agricultural pursuits on his own account. Both he and his wife still live in Linlithgow and the former is active in the affairs of his native city. They are devoted members of the Presbyterian church and stanch supporters of that denomination. Their children were: William, a farmer of Linlithgow, Scotland; John, who follows the same occupation in his native country; Abram, a butcher of Linlithgow; James, who is engaged in farming in his native country; Thomas, of this review; George, who follows farming in Scotland; Margaret, Agnes and Sarah, all at home; Manuel, who is now studying draughtsmanship in Nobel's Explosive Works in Scotland; Minnie and Stevenson Heather, both at home; Tina, who died at the age of seventeen; and twins who died in infancy.

Thomas Addison passed his boyhood and youth on the home farm, attending public school until seventeen years of age. He then apprenticed himself to the carpenter's trade in Polmont, Scotland, serving for five years with William Walker, for whom he afterward worked as journeyman for four years. He then joined John B. Mathers, his present partner, in coming to America and they landed in New York from the ship Caledonia. Mr. Addison found employment in that city and in Newark, New Jersey, remaining there for ten months, but in 1907 came to Boone, Iowa, and accepted a position with Frank Henry, a con-

tractor, with whom he remained for three years. At the end of that time he paid a five months' visit to his home in Scotland and upon his return to Boone entered into partnership with Mr. Mathers, establishing the firm of Mathers & Addison, which has flourished ever since. Not only is Mr. Addison an expert workman but he is a thoroughly up-to-date business man. He is careful in executing contracts entrusted to him and has been given a number of important contracts on account of the high reputation which he enjoys. His honorable principles have become the foundation of the business policy which he pursues and he enjoys in full measure the confidence of the public.

On August 17, 1912, Mr. Addison was married in Boston, Massachusetts, to Miss Jean C. Brown, who was born in Linlithgow, Scotland, a daughter of James and Jean (Craig) Brown. Mr. and Mrs. Addison have one child, Jean C. They are members of the Presbyterian church and fraternally Mr. Addison belongs to Boone Lodge, No. 79, I. O. O. F. He is also a member of the Masonic order, having joined one of the oldest lodges in Scotland, the Ancient Brazen Lodge, No. 17, F. & A. M. Politically he is a republican, fully conversant with the issues of the day and thoroughly in accord with the aims of his party. However, he is not an active politician although he is ever ready to give his support to public enterprises which have for their purpose the material, moral and intellectual growth of the city. He has become a useful and valuable American citizen and by his activities has contributed toward the prosperity of Boone and Boone county.

ORSON CLARK, M. D.

Dr. Orson Clark, the period of whose residence in Ogden covers forty-five years, was long an active and successful representative of the medical fraternity here but is now spending the evening of life in well earned retirement. His birth occurred in Wyoming county, New York, on the 21st of April, 1844, his parents being Samuel and Anna (Bryant) Clark, both of whom were natives of Vermont. The father, an agriculturist by occupation, devoted his attention to the operation of a farm in New York during his active business career and passed away in the spring of 1870.

Orson Clark was reared and educated in the Empire state and on completing his public-school work entered a medical university of Buffalo, winning the degree of M. D. in 1866. He located for practice in Wisconsin and followed his profession in that state for three years, on the expiration of which period he came to Ogden, Boone County, Iowa, where he has remained continuously to the present time. The house in which he now resides was erected by him in 1870. As a physician and surgeon he enjoyed a large and lucrative practice that was accorded him in recognition of his professional skill and ability. He has retired from active practice, however, and is now enjoying a well merited rest. In financial circles he still remains a prominent factor as vice president of the Ogden State Bank.

In 1868 Dr. Clark was united in marriage to Miss Lucy Emma Sylvester, a daughter of Caleb and Johanna (Whitney) Sylvester, both of whom were born

in Maine. Unto Dr. and Mrs. Clark were born six children, as follows: Herbert S., an agriculturist of Boone county; Dr. C. B. Clark, who serves as postmaster at Ogden; Dr. O. W. Clark, a banker of Ogden; Louise, whose demise occurred in February, 1902; Anna B., the wife of W. D. Miller, of Ogden; and S. Parker, who acts as cashier of the Ogden State Bank.

In his political views Dr. Clark is independent, always considering the capability and fitness of a candidate rather than his party affiliation. He has served as county coroner and was a member of the first council of Ogden. His religious faith is that of the Congregational church. He enjoys a wide and favorable acquaintance in both professional and social circles of Boone county and is highly esteemed as one of its representative citizens.

H. D. LUCAS.

H. D. Lucas, a native son of Boone county who has spent his entire life within its borders, is actively and successfully identified with business interests of Madrid as the junior member of the firm of Hutton & Lucas, dealers in shelf and heavy hardware and also proprietors of a plumbing and heating establishment. His birth occurred at Belle Point, Douglas township, Boone county, Iowa, on the 15th of October, 1872, his parents being Corydon L. and Nancy (Sturdivant) Lucas. An extended sketch of the father appears on another page of this work.

In the acquirement of an education H. D. Lucas attended the common schools, completing his studies in the public schools of Madrid. The family home had been established in that town in 1883. Our subject there conducted a meat market for a period of four years, from 1902 until 1906, and in the latter year embarked in the hardware business, being now a member of the firm of Hutton & Lucas, who are dealers in shelf and heavy hardware and also conduct a plumbing and heating establishment. In this connection he has won a gratifying measure of success, being accorded a liberal patronage and enjoying an enviable reputation as a business man of ability, enterprise and sound judgment. He owns a half interest in the firm and has an attractive and well appointed home in Madrid, while his wife is the owner of a tract of fifty-four acres of land in Douglas township, comprising a portion of the old Luther homestead.

On the 17th of May, 1899, in Madrid, Iowa, Mr. Lucas was united in marriage to Miss Carrie Luther, who was born in Douglas township, Boone county, Iowa, on the 23d of May, 1878, her parents being Milden and Mary (Hull) Luther. The father's birth occurred in Clay county, Indiana, on the 22d of March, 1840, while the mother was born in Putnam county, Indiana, on the 25th of December, 1841. The maternal grandparents of Mrs. Lucas took up their abode among the pioneer settlers of Iowa, locating in Jefferson county in 1842. Her parents came overland to Boone county in 1849 and were among the early residents here. They remained on a farm until 1908 but during the past six years have lived retired at Madrid in a commodious and comfortable home. They became the parents of seven children, four of whom still survive, as follows: Mrs. Lillie L. Williams, who was born on the 10th of December, 1862,

and is now a resident of Madrid; Mrs. Ella Farr, born January 28, 1866, and living in Madrid; Mrs. Zylpha A. Hutton, also of Madrid, who was born on the 15th of March, 1868; and Mrs. Carrie Lucas. All the above named were born and reared in Douglas township, this county. Mrs. Lucas, who has spent her entire life within the borders of Boone county, acquired her education in the common schools and completed her studies in the public schools of Madrid. By her marriage she has become the mother of two children, namely: Dott, who was born in Madrid on the 8th of April, 1900, and is now attending school there; and Vaughn, whose birth occurred in Madrid on the 29th of October, 1908.

Mr. Lucas gives his political allegiance to the democracy, while his religious faith is indicated by his membership in the Christian church of Madrid. Fraternally he is identified with the Masons, belonging to Star Lodge, No. 115, of Madrid, and he is likewise connected with the Modern Woodmen of America, being at present venerable consul of Mizpah Camp in Madrid. Both Mr. and Mrs. Lucas enjoy an extensive and favorable acquaintance throughout the community and the hospitality of the best homes is freely accorded them.

SWAYNE A. BENGTON.

Swayne A. Bengtson, who now lives in well earned retirement in Madrid after a successful career as a farmer and an implement dealer and also in connection with the milling business, still owns important interests in this city and is vice president of the Farmers Savings Bank. Many public honors have come to Mr. Bengtson from his city and county; for five years he served as the county treasurer, while for seven terms he was city clerk of Madrid, for three terms an alderman and for two terms the mayor. Swayne A. Bengtson was born in Sweden, May 1, 1861, and when about nine years of age came with his parents to America in 1870, the family locating in Madrid on August 1st of that year. He has ever since been a resident of this community. Mr. Bengtson is a son of S. G. and Carolina Bengtson, natives of Sweden, both of whom died in Madrid, the former on November 8, 1904, and the latter October 1, 1897. They had the following children: Mrs. Christina C. Swanson, of Madrid; J. G., who died in this city; Swayne A., of this review; Mrs. Hulda Larson, who also passed away in Madrid; Anna Lovisa, who passed away in Oakland, Nebraska, the wife of Rev. J. M. Olson; and Mrs. Linda Otto, an adopted daughter who died in Garden township. The four elder children were born in Sweden and the two younger ones in Boone county.

Swayne A. Bengtson began his education in his native country and completed his school work in Madrid. He located with his parents on a farm two miles northwest of Madrid in 1870, but in 1873 they moved into the town. The father was a tailor by trade and was successful in this occupation. Swayne A. Bengtson, his brother and a sister, for thirteen years operated a farm, being so engaged until 1887, their efforts being rewarded with most gratifying results. In that year he and his brother turned their attention to the implement business when the firm of Johnson, Bengtson & Company came into being. Mr. Johnson continued as senior member for about two years, at the end of which time the



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brothers purchased his interest in the business. The business was continued under the name of Bengtson Brothers, but in the fall of 1892 Mr. Bengtson's brother died. S. A. Bengtson continued the business under the name of S. A. Bengtson & Company, his father being the company, until the fall of 1899, when he sold out, interesting himself in the Madrid Milling Company, of which he served as secretary, treasurer and general manager until November 1, 1901. In his business transactions Mr. Bengtson showed rare executive ability, and by reason of this quality and his fair methods he attained prosperity. He still owns a fourth interest in the Madrid Milling Company. In 1901 he was elected treasurer of Boone county and on January 1, 1902, assumed the duties of the office. He continued in this position for five years, serving an extra year on account of the biennial election law going into force during his term. Mr. Bengtson made an excellent record as treasurer of Boone county. He administrated the affairs of his office with the greatest care and gave the best that was in him to the public's affairs. He earned the highest commendation for his efficient work and well merited all the praise given him, for Boone county's financial affairs prospered under his administration.

On July 2, 1896, Mr. Bengtson married, in Madrid, Miss Ida F. Carlson, who was born in Sweden on April 8, 1863. She came to America in 1887 after having received a thorough education in her native land. Her first home was in Omaha, Nebraska. Her parents, Carl Johann and Sarah Maria (Vikstrom) Nilsson, were born in Sweden, the former March 14, 1824, and the latter December 8, 1821. They died in their native land, the father March 8, 1891, and the mother November 8, 1905. In their family were four daughters and two sons: Rev. Carl Vilhelm, born June 11, 1850, who resides at Taraboda, Sweden; Augusta Carolina, born January 14, 1853, who also remained in her native land; Hannah Sofia, born April 13, 1855, of Seattle, Washington; Lars Gustav, born March 9, 1857, one of the earlier merchants of Madrid; Mrs. Sarah Ulrika Sundberg, born July 27, 1859, and residing in Sweden; and Mrs. Bengtson, the youngest of the family and the wife of our subject. All the children were reared and educated in Sweden. Mr. and Mrs. Bengtson had the following children: Vladimir Gustav Gideon, born in Madrid, August 17, 1897, who is attending high school in this city; Olga Vendela Maria, born at Madrid, March 6, 1901, who died in Boone, Iowa, May 14, 1902; and Linnia Hortense, born in Boone, December 7, 1904, who is attending public school in Madrid.

Mr. Bengtson is a most public-spirited man, thoroughly conversant with political and public issues of the day and particularly interested in local governmental affairs. He is ever ready to give support to valuable enterprises of a public nature, and his community and county have benefited by his activity. He served for seven terms as city clerk of Madrid and for three terms as alderman of the city and in these offices made such excellent records that the people chose him as mayor of the city. For two terms Mr. Bengtson served as the executive and under his stimulating influence many important improvements were made—improvements which have been of the greatest benefit to Madrid. Mr. Bengtson is still interested in the Madrid Milling Company and also stands high in the financial world of Boone county, having been a director and vice president of the Farmers Savings Bank of Madrid for a number of years. He has other property interests and is considered one of the most substantial citizens of his

community. Both Mr. and Mrs. Bengtson are members of the Swedish Free Mission church and in this connection it may be mentioned that his father was one of the founders of this organization. Mr. Bengtson has held all the offices in his church and has always been sincerely devoted to its work. He has many friends in Madrid who hold him in the highest regard not only for what he has achieved in life but for those qualities of mind and character which have made it possible for him to reach the position which he now holds in the community.

ARTHUR FINNEGAN.

Arthur Finnegan, who now lives retired in Boone, is one of the city's most venerated residents, having been for many years connected with the railroad service. He now lives retired at No. 1310 Seventh street, passing his declining years in comfortable surroundings and in the enjoyment of a competency to which he is entitled by reason of long years of arduous, faithful and trustworthy labor. He selected Boone as his residence forty-eight years ago, coming here in 1866, and is therefore to be considered one of the pioneers of the city, for there were but the beginnings of a village when he arrived. Not only has he watched the onward march of civilization in his district, but he has been a factor in its growth and has made many valuable contributions toward its development in the many years in which he has made his home here.

Mr. Finnegan is a native son of the Emerald isle, his birth having occurred in County Monaghan, August 15, 1838, his parents being James and Rose (Halligan) Finnegan. The father was a miller by trade and also a millwright. He died in Ireland when his son Arthur was about five years of age. After her husband's death the widow brought her seven children to America, her mother later joining her and passing away in Fairfield, New York, at the most extraordinary age of one hundred and fourteen years. Mother and children landed in Toronto in 1843, and there the former remained for the rest of her life, passing away in that city from the effects of a fall at the age of ninety-six. She bore her husband the following children: Margaret, the wife of John Ellward; Mrs. Mary Baxter, deceased; Phillip, deceased; Catherine* and Arthur, twins, the former living in Rochester, New York; Alice, of Rochester; and Bridget, who is also a resident of that city.

Arthur Finnegan was about five years of age when his father died and early was indentured to the latter's trade. In Toronto he learned carriage painting and subsequently was connected with the Toronto Iron Works for four years. This was in his early boyhood, and when but seventeen he went to Buffalo, New York, where he worked as machinist for nine months. He then made his way to New Orleans, where he continued along the same line, his sojourn in that city being shortly before the Civil war broke out. Leaving there, he returned to Toronto, where he accepted work on the Grand Trunk Railway as a machinist foreman at Port Sarnia on the St. Clair river. However, illness overtook him and after recovering he became a fireman on the Grand Trunk Railway, continuing in that occupation for eighteen months. He then received a run as an engineer on the same line. Relinquishing this position, he made his way to

Chicago, Illinois, where he arrived in 1864, finding employment in the Northwestern railway shops for one year. During that time he was setting up engines for the Iowa division. On April 16th, 1866, he was given charge of an engine and located in Boone, which place was the beginning of his run for forty-five years. Tried and true and trustworthy in the discharge of his duties, he stood high in the estimation of the officials of the road and was often commissioned to undertake confidential trusts. Prominent men of the world would particularly request that he should be put in charge of shipments of large sums of money, as it was generally known that he was most cautious and would willingly sacrifice life in order to protect the interests of those who had confidence in him. During his long period as an engineer he never had an accident—a record which is most remarkable and earned him the highest commendation. When he came to Boone it was a village of a few straggling houses, but he recognized its opportunities and foresaw its future and as his means permitted bought lots, gradually acquiring much property and building on many of them. He also owns valuable farm land in Iowa.

On April 24, 1865, at Mount Clemens, Michigan, Mr. Finnegan married Miss Mary McCaffery, of Mount Clemens, a daughter of Dennis McCaffery. To this union six children have been born: Edward D., Arthur J. and Robert L., of Boone; Mary E., deceased; George Marion, deceased; and Phillip Adelbert, of Peoria, Illinois.

On account of his long and faithful service Mr. Finnegan was placed on the pension roll of the Northwestern Railway, April 1, 1911, and now lives in the enjoyment of a most comfortable income, being one of the most highly esteemed and respected citizens of Boone, where he has many friends. Indeed there are few who know him, if any, who are not his friends. He and his family are devout members of the Roman Catholic church, and fraternally Mr. Finnegan is a member of the Brotherhood of Locomotive Engineers. Politically he is a democrat, stanchly supporting that party and thoroughly in sympathy with its principles. He is a useful, patriotic, public-spirited citizen who has always placed public interests above his own and who has been more loyal to outside obligations than even to his own welfare. He is a kindly, courteous, affable gentleman whom it is an honor to know and who has brought sunshine into many lives by his pleasing, kindly, obliging ways and his sympathetic personality.

CARL H. ANDERSON.

Carl H. Anderson is associated with his brother, Clarence R. Anderson, in the conduct of a general mercantile establishment at Ogden and has won gratifying and merited success in this connection. His birth occurred in Marcy township, Boone county, Iowa, on the 1st of January, 1874, his parents being Charles and Sarah (Carlson) Anderson, who are mentioned at greater length on another page of this work in connection with the sketch of Clarence R. Anderson.

Carl H. Anderson was reared and educated in this county, pursuing his studies in the district schools. He remained on the home farm with his parents until twenty-five years of age and then came to Ogden, where he was employed

as clerk for three years. On the expiration of that period he went to Boone and there clerked for a year in the service of H. T. Cook, a clothing merchant. Subsequently he returned to Ogden and embarked in the mercantile business on his own account, having thus remained a factor in commercial circles of the town to the present time. In August, 1913, he was joined by his brother, Clarence R. Anderson, and the firm has since been known as Anderson Brothers. They erected a modern two-story brick building on the main street and occupy nearly all of the structure, carrying an extensive stock of merchandise. A liberal patronage is accorded them, for they have won an enviable reputation as reliable, up-to-date merchants and enjoy the confidence of the public in unusual degree.

In October, 1901, Mr. Anderson was united in marriage to Miss Hannah Bergstrom, a daughter of John and Hannah Bergstrom, natives of Sweden, who emigrated to America and located in Boone county, Iowa, in 1868. The father operated a farm here until about 1911 and has since lived retired in Ogden. Mr. and Mrs. Anderson have six children, as follows: Luella, eleven years old; Bessemer and Donald, who are nine and seven years of age respectively; Melvin, five years old; Helen, who is four years old; and Russell, two years of age. Mr. Anderson is a republican in his political views, while his religious faith is indicated by his membership in the Swedish Mission. He has always remained within the borders of Boone county and that his life has ever been upright and honorable is indicated in the fact that the associates of his boyhood and youth are still numbered among his stanch friends and admirers.

WILLIAM H. GALLUP.

William H. Gallup was for nearly fifty years connected with newspapers in Boone and other counties of the state as owner, editor and publisher, and in every instance the papers while under his control increased in their volume of business, in their influence and in their general tone of reliability. Keeping in touch with progressive methods, he has never catered to the sensationalism or in any way adopted the ideas of the "yellow" sheet. His influence has always been on the side of advancement and improvement and he gained for his papers the same high regard which is entertained for him as a man.

A native of New York, Mr. Gallup was born at Summit, Schoharie county, May 17, 1840, a son of Nathan and Pamelia (Baird) Gallup, who were natives of Connecticut and of New Jersey respectively. The father, who made farming his life work, died in Summit, and the mother has also passed away. In their family were eight children, Nathan, Silas, Abigail, Samuel, Margaret, Bedent B., John B. and William H., all having passed away but William, the subject of this sketch.

William H. Gallup was fourteen years of age when his father sold the old home farm in Schoharie county. In his youthful days he attended the district schools and afterward pursued a course in a seminary. He also taught school during the winter months and at nineteen years of age he took up the study of law, being graduated from the New York State and National Law School, located at Poughkeepsie, New York, on the 1st of August, 1860. He was admitted to



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the bar at Newburgh, New York, in the following September and spent the succeeding winter in the law office of Hon. S. L. Mayham at North Blenheim. On the 1st of April, 1861, he came to the middle west, settling first at Marshalltown, Iowa, on the 11th of May, 1861, six days before he was twenty-one, where he practiced his profession for a short time. He then purchased a newspaper, the Marshall County Times, and has since been identified the greater part of his life with journalistic interests. He continued as editor and proprietor of that paper from October, 1861, until April, 1862. In May of the succeeding year he again became editor and sole proprietor of the Marshall County Times and so remained until September, 1864. A few weeks in 1862, after the capture of Fort Donelson by General Grant, which was one of the first substantial Union victories in our great Civil war, he published the Daily Marshall Times, a four column folio, in order to give the news of Grant's maneuvers, which culminated in the battle of Shiloh. While in Marshalltown he took an active part in the affairs of the county and city, and was one of the two or three who kept at work securing subscribers to make the place an incorporated town, thus laying the foundations for the beautiful city that it is today. At the first republican caucus for the nomination of officers for the newly incorporated town, he found himself to his total surprise the nominee for mayor when the ballots were counted out. Removing to Boonesboro in December, 1864, he established the Boonesboro Index, the first number appearing on February 1, 1865, and which for six months was the only paper published in Boone county. In the latter part of 1865, Mr. Gallup removed the Index office from Boonesboro to the new town of Boone and continued its publication until September, 1867, when he sold the plant to L. M. Holt, who changed the name to The Montana Standard. Boone had previously adopted the name of Montana for the purpose of getting a postoffice, there already being one postoffice in the state by the name of Boone and this making a different name necessary.

Mr. Gallup's last official appearance as a lawyer was his election to the office of city attorney of Montana in March, 1868, but which office he deemed it advisable to resign in a few weeks, because it became to his financial interest to resume the publication of the Standard, which he continued until September, 1869. In May, 1870, he purchased the Nevada Aegis, renamed it Nevada Representative and continued as its sole editor and proprietor until September, 1882, or for over twelve years. In 1875 he was elected state senator from the thirty-first senatorial district, composed of the counties of Boone and Story, and served in the sixteenth and seventeenth general assemblies, his term covering the years of 1876, 1877, 1878 and 1879. While in the senate, he took an active part in the daily routine of business, was always present at the opening of the daily sessions, avoided set speeches made for political effect and never dodged a roll call on any question. He had the rare distinction of introducing one bill which was read twice and then upon his motion the rules were suspended, the bill read a third time and put upon its final passage and passed, without a dissenting vote upon any of the roll calls, his word being accepted by all parties as to its truthfulness and accuracy. At the first inauguration of Governor Gear he was chairman of the joint legislative committee which arranged the inaugural ceremonies. He was also author of senate file 67, in the sixteenth general assembly, which became a law and allowed counties, townships and municipalities to vote a tax

of five percent, payable half in one year and half in the succeeding year, to aid in the building of railroads, which the state so much needed for its development in those days. After disposing of the Nevada Representative by redistricting in 1882, he was engaged for about two years in the book, news and stationery business in Nevada, and also for about two years owned and conducted a banking business at Cambridge, Story county. But in 1887 the newspaper fever again got control of him, and he purchased the Perry Chief in December of that year, which he published as editor and proprietor until May, 1892, when he became part owner of the Boone Republican, remaining so until November, 1896, and as sole owner until October, 1897. He was also editor and part proprietor of the Daily Boone Republican from April, 1896, until November, 1896. He was editor and proprietor of the Monthly Boone Review and Advertiser from February, 1899, until March, 1900, and in January, 1902, he became editor and sole owner of the Weekly Boone Standard for the third time, which paper he continued to publish until June, 1908. Few men of the state can boast of so long and continued a newspaper career. He has had much to do with shaping the journalistic policy of the state. He made his papers both the mirror and mold of public opinion and his editorials were always fair and liberal to all.

Mr. Gallup was united in marriage on the 26th of August, 1862, in Summit, New York, to Miss Albina Dyer, a native of Schoharie county, who lost her father in her early girlhood, while her mother now lives in California at the advanced age of eighty-eight years. The wedding of Mr. and Mrs. Gallup was celebrated at six o'clock in the morning, on which occasion there were present three invited couples beside the immediate families. After the morning breakfast, the four couples drove to Howe's cave, about ten miles distant, where, in charge of an experienced guide, they made a four mile trip on foot into the interior of the cave. After a few weeks spent in New York, Mr. and Mrs. Gallup came to their home in the west. As the years went by six children were added to the household: Chester, who died in childhood; Frankie, the wife of James Hamilton, of Sioux City, Iowa; William, who passed away in boyhood; Lucy, who died in infancy; Fred H., who is captain of Company F, of the Third Field Artillery, now located at Fort Myer, Virginia; and James, owner of a prosperous job printing establishment in Boone.

Mr. Gallup is a republican and has held a number of local offices. His fraternal relations connect him with the Masons and his religious faith with the Methodist church. His life has been honorable, his actions manly and sincere, and there is no citizen in Boone county more worthy of high regard.

CARL CLAUSSEN.

Carl Claussen, a well known young business man of Ogden, is a member of the firm of Hagge & Claussen, automobile dealers and also proprietors of a general repair shop. He is a native son of Boone county, having been born in Amaqua township on the 5th of May, 1883. His parents, Thomas and Margaret (Jones) Claussen, were born in Germany. The father, who followed farming

in that country, emigrated to the United States when twenty years of age and made his way direct to this county but a short time later removed to Wyoming, where he resided for a year and a half. On the expiration of that period he returned to Boone county, Iowa, purchasing and improving a farm in Amaqua township which he operated successfully until 1900. He has lived retired in Ogden during the past fourteen years and is widely recognized as a substantial, representative and esteemed citizen of the community.

Carl Claussen was reared and educated in this county, pursuing his studies in the district schools. He remained on the farm with his parents until sixteen years of age, when the family home was established in Ogden. Subsequently he entered Highland Park College of Des Moines and later pursued a special course in mechanical engineering in the Iowa State College of Agriculture and Mechanical Arts at Ames. He then went to Minneapolis, Minnesota, and for eight months was engaged in railroad work, while during the next year and a half he followed farming near Spokane, Washington. After returning to Ogden he operated the municipal electric light plant for three years. On the 1st of February, 1913, he embarked in business in partnership with H. J. Hagge as a dealer in automobiles, the firm name being Hagge & Claussen. They handle Buick cars exclusively and also carry on a general repair business. Success has attended the venture, for the partners are young men of splendid business ability, enterprise and enthusiasm. Their garage is a one-story brick structure of double width.

In his political views Mr. Claussen is a democrat while his religious faith is that of the German Lutheran church. He has cooperated in many movements for the general good, has ever cast his influence on the side of improvement and has advocated high ideals of manhood and citizenship.

J. AUGUST CARLSON.

J. August Carlson is one of those sturdy Swedish-Americans who have found in this country the opportunities which lead to success. He is the owner of the Belmont stock farm in Marcy township, which enjoys a reputation that extends far and wide over the state. He also owns two hundred and forty acres on section 22, Amaqua township. He was born in Sweden, May 10, 1858, and is a son of J. P. and Christina Carlson, natives of Sweden. There the mother died in 1868. The father subsequently came to America, locating in De Kalb, Illinois, in 1870. In the fall of the same year he came to Moingona, Boone county. He was a carpenter by trade and for two years continued in that line of occupation, after which he retired, making his home with S. M. Kollin, until his death in 1878.

J. August Carlson attended the schools of his native country and as a boy of twelve years came with his father to America. He again took up his lessons here, completing his education in the English schools. He began his career as a farm hand and it is interesting to note that he has worked and lived on section 4 in Marcy township for thirty-nine years. He continued in the employ of others until 1883, removing in that year onto the farm which he had acquired in 1881 and which comprises one hundred and three acres on section 4, Marcy township.

He immediately gave his sole attention to the improvement of his property and has ever since continued on the same place. His farm is known as the Belmont stock farm, and Mr. Carlson has become recognized as one of the most proficient stockraisers and dealers in his section of the state. He has taken more premiums and prizes on stock than any other man in Boone county. Close application, thrift, industry and judicious management have been the factors in his success. He also owns two hundred and forty acres on section 22, Amaqua township, which are highly improved and net him a considerable income. He gives particular attention to Duroc Jersey hogs, and Percheron horses and short-horn cattle and has taken a number of prizes on this stock.

In February, 1883, Mr. Carlson was united in marriage to Miss Ida C. Wiebig, a daughter of Jonas and Maria (Danielson) Wiebig, natives of Sweden, where the mother died in 1872. The father came to America in 1889 and located in Clinton, Iowa, but after a short time came to Boone county, where he gave his attention to farming for awhile. He then removed to Nebraska, taking up a claim in that state, and there he died in 1901. Mr. and Mrs. Carlson became parents of eight children as follows: Henry W., Albert J., Arthur W., Elmer A., Raymond F., Alice C., Clarence E. and Carl J. Mr. Carlson served as trustee of Marcy township for twelve years and is now treasurer of the school board, manifesting thereby his deep interest in the cause of education. Politically he is a republican, and his religious faith is that of the Swedish Mission church. Most of his attention is given to his important stock-raising and farming interests, yet he is always ready to concern himself about public questions and to give material and moral support to movements which promote growth and advancement. Fraternally he is a member of the Modern Woodmen of America and very popular in this lodge. Great credit is due him for what he has achieved, for he came to this country empty-handed and has attained a substantial position among the residents of Boone county.

JOHN A. MENTON.

Since 1902 John A. Menton has been connected with the publication of the Boone County Democrat in partnership with John R. Herron. He makes his home in the city of Boone, where he is both widely and favorably known. His birth occurred in North Easton, Massachusetts, February 25, 1867, his parents being John and Johannah (Leary) Menton, both of whom were natives of Ireland. The mother crossed the Atlantic to Canada in her girlhood days. The father went from Ireland to Birmingham, England, here he remained for about twelve years and then came to the United States, settling in Massachusetts. It was there that they were married, and in the spring of 1867 they removed westward to Boone county, where for many years the father followed the occupation of farming. He afterward lived retired until his death, which occurred in the year 1905. His wife survived him for about eight years, passing away in 1913. In their family were nine children as follows: Julia, the wife of T. J. O'Connell, a resident of Boone; Dennis, deceased; Daniel, also living in Boone; John A.; Kate, the wife of D. P. Ivis, of this county; Nellie, at home; T. P.,

a resident of Boone; W. F., living in Santa Ana, California; and Edward J., of Boone.

John A. Menton left the farm in his youthful days and supplemented the education which he had previously acquired in the public schools by study in the Western Normal College. He then went to the west for his health, spending two years in Colorado, and upon his return to Iowa, he engaged in teaching school, successfully following that profession for ten years. During that period he took up the study of law and was admitted to the bar in 1899. He afterward practiced in Boone and in Iola, Kansas, and when he again returned to Boone once more became an instructor in the public schools. He also acted as a salesman and afterward resumed the practice of law. In 1902 he entered the newspaper field in partnership with John R. Herron, and the connection has since been maintained. They are owners and publishers of the Boone County Democrat, which has a good circulation, and is, therefore, an excellent advertising medium.

On the 28th of April, 1909, Mr. Menton was united in marriage to Miss Ida V. Engel, who passed away eleven months later. His political allegiance is given to the democratic party, and for twelve years he was chairman of the democratic central committee of Boone county. His religious faith is that of the Catholic church. Much of his life has been spent in this section of the state, where he is now widely known, and he has won many friends during the long period of his residence here.

WILBUR H. KEIGLEY.

Wilbur H. Keigley, the president and general manager of the W. H. Keigley Land Company of Madrid, is at the head of a well established real-estate and loan business in the city and also buys and sells land in northern Iowa and southern Minnesota. Boone county is proud to number him among her native sons. His birth occurred in Douglas township on the 4th of July, 1868, his parents being William Jacob and Elizabeth (Throckmorton) Keigley, the former born in Pennsylvania in 1824 and the latter in Green county, that state, in the same year. William Jacob Keigley was one of the pioneer settlers of Boone county, making the overland journey to this state. He located on a farm in Douglas township and devoted his attention to the work of the fields throughout his active career. His demise occurred in Madrid, Iowa, on the 31st of December, 1905, while his wife passed away in that city on the 27th of April, 1904, the community thus losing two of its respected early residents.

They were the parents of eight children, as follows: William, a native of Pennsylvania, who passed away in that state; John Warren, who died in Boone, Iowa, in December, 1913; Wilbur H., of this review; Clayton C., a resident of Crowley, Louisiana; Theo H., who makes his home in Colfax township, Boone county, Iowa; Lionel F., living in Ames, Iowa; Robert M., who passed away in Madrid, this state; and Mrs. Emmerah E. Sutherland, who is a resident of Garden township. The two eldest children were born in Pennsylvania and the younger ones in Douglas township, this county. All the surviving members of the family were reared in Boone county.

Wilbur H. Keigley, whose entire life has been spent within the borders of his native county, attended the common schools in the acquirement of an education and is a graduate of the Madrid high school. He gave his attention to general agricultural pursuits until 1885 and subsequently engaged in various kinds of business in Madrid, eventually becoming identified with real-estate interests. He is now the president and general manager of the W. H. Keigley Land Company of Madrid, conducting a general real-estate business locally and also buying and selling land in northern Iowa and southern Minnesota. Success has attended his undertakings in gratifying degree and he is now numbered among the prosperous and representative business men of the county. He owns a commodious and attractive residence in Madrid and also has property in Minnesota.

In 1890 Mr. Keigley was united in marriage to Miss Arah Belle Holcomb, a native of Illinois and a daughter of Milo and Caroline Holcomb, who established their home in Boone county, Iowa, in 1878. The father passed away in Woodward, this state, while the mother's demise occurred at Madrid. Their six surviving children are as follows: Mrs. Mattie Moore, of Manitou, Oklahoma; Mrs. Carrie L. Woods, who is a resident of Fort Madison, Iowa; Charles, living in Madrid, Iowa; Mrs. Wilbur H. Keigley; Frank, of Pocahontas county, Iowa; and Mrs. Blanche Rhodes, of Woodward, Iowa. Mr. and Mrs. Keigley have two children, namely: Milo W., who was born January 13, 1897; and Marvel E., whose birth occurred December 27, 1902. Both are natives of Madrid and attend the public schools of that city.

In politics Mr. Keigley is a stanch democrat and his fellow townsmen, recognizing his worth and ability, have chosen him for various positions of public trust. He has held numerous local offices in Madrid, has acted as city marshal and as constable in Douglas township. He served as deputy sheriff of Boone county under the administration of George Garner and was the democratic precinct chairman for a number of years. Mr. Keigley attends the services of the Methodist Episcopal church in Madrid and is fraternally identified with the Masons, belonging to Star Lodge, No. 115, of Madrid, and Tuscan Chapter, No. 31, R. A. M., of Boone. He is likewise connected with the Modern Woodmen of America at Madrid. He has always lived in Boone county and the fact that many of his stanchest friends are numbered among those who have known him from his boyhood to the present time is an indication of an upright and well spent life. He manifests sterling qualities not only in his business activities but also in his social and citizenship relations and is justly accounted one of the valued residents of the community.

MRS. NETTIE McINTOSH WAHL.

One of the beautiful homes of Boone is that owned and occupied by Mrs. Nettie McIntosh Wahl at the corner of Sixth and Wood streets. She is most widely and favorably known in this city and throughout the county, where she has many friends. She was born in Indiana in 1851, a daughter of William and Emily W. (Parker) McIntosh, the former a native of Indiana and the latter of Kentucky. Mrs. Wahl was but six weeks old when her parents removed with



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the family to Iowa. She is a sister of James Whitcomb McIntosh, mention of whom appears elsewhere in this volume. Spending her girlhood days under the parental roof, she was reared and educated in Boonesboro and also attended a Sisters' school at Ottumwa, Iowa, when seventeen years of age.

Later she engaged in teaching school in Boone county for twelve or more terms and proved very capable in that direction, imparting clearly and readily to others the knowledge that she had acquired. She taught at Glenwood, Iowa, in the School for Feeble-minded for ten years and was very successful in her work with that unfortunate class, her patience and ready sympathy enabling her to accomplish results that few others could have accomplished. She then returned to Boonesboro to care for her mother and sister until the death of the former. The sister, Miss Mary Frances McIntosh, now makes her home with Mrs. Wahl. The latter is a member of the Daughters of the American Revolution, holding membership in Deshon Chapter of Boone, and her name is also on the membership roll of the Order of the Eastern Star of Boone. Most of her life has been devoted to charitable work and she has done great good in the world. She is liberal in her religious views, attending various churches, contributing to their support and giving generously to many worthy objects whereby the interests of the individual and the community are promoted.

PEDER J. SAVERAID.

Peder J. Saveraid is one of those sturdy Norwegian-Americans who have found in this country the opportunities which they sought. Although yet quite a young man, he is at the head of the Boone Creamery Company, an important concern in the commercial life of the city and of particular significance in regard to agricultural development. Mr. Saveraid has largely established the high reputation which the products of his creamery company enjoy, their principal output being Saveraid's special pure creamery butter. They are located at No. 1003 Eighth street in Boone and there can be found an up-to-date, sanitary plant which might serve as a model to other establishments of a similar nature. Its success is largely attributable to Mr. Saveraid, who is a man of great experience in his line of business.

He was born in Norway, September 15, 1876, and is a son of John and Anna (Holland) Saveraid and a grandson of Peder Saveraid, who served in the Norwegian army. After having attended the common schools the grandfather learned shipbuilding, later owning his own yard. Business conditions in his particular line, however, turned from bad to worse and he was therefore forced to relinquish this enterprise and went to sea. Success came to him in this connection and he eventually became the owner of six vessels and was captain of one of them. He died in Norway. In his family were ten children. Late in life he owned a farm and his son John, the father of our subject, passed his boyhood there, early becoming acquainted with agricultural pursuits. He enjoyed a common-school education and remained in his native land until 1881, when he brought his family to the United States, being impressed with the opportunities of which he had heard in regard to this country. He sailed from Bergen to

New York and from that city made his way directly to Story City, Iowa, where he now lives retired. He is a member of the synod and has always taken an active part in the religious affairs of his community. His wife died in Story City in 1885, and subsequently he married Miss Bertha Stoll. By his first marriage he had the following children: Peder, deceased; Anna, the widow of H. H. Falland; Samuel, of Story City; Mrs. Lena Olson, of Minnesota; Sebert, of Boone; Margaret, who died at the age of sixteen; Mrs. Hannah Ritland, of Huxley, Iowa; John, deceased; Peder, the second of the name and the subject of this review; and Ross, of Lake Mills, Iowa.

Peder J. Saveraid was but five years old when his parents brought him to the United States. He attended the public schools in Story City until fifteen, and until twenty-one worked as a farm hand, receiving about eighty cents per day. At the early age of eleven years, however, he had become self-supporting, performing such duties as were commensurate with his age until leaving school, when he gave his entire attention to farming. On attaining his majority he became connected with the creamery business in Huxley, where for fourteen years was engaged in that line. At the end of that time, in 1912, he invested his savings in his present plant, which he has since so successfully conducted. Great credit is due Mr. Saveraid for what he has achieved, as he has gained his success entirely through his own efforts. He is today considered one of the most successful business men of Boone and contributes toward the reputation of the city by turning out a creamery product which is an honor to the state. Naturally his enterprise has had a beneficial influence upon dairy conditions and he therefore must be considered a factor in the dairy development of Iowa.

On June 11, 1902, Mr. Saveraid married Miss Josie Saveraid, a daughter of John and Elizabeth Saveraid, who were natives of Norway, their daughter, however, being born here. Mr. and Mrs. Saveraid of this review have five children: Arthur J., attending school; and J. O., Elizabeth, Walter P. and Palmer J.

The parents are members of the Norwegian Lutheran church and deeply devoted to its service. Politically Mr. Saveraid is a republican, thoroughly in sympathy with the aims of his party, whose candidates he staunchly supports. He is an aggressive young man of the modern school of American business and has made a record for himself which well entitles him to be ranked with the useful citizens of Boone. While he has achieved individual success, he has always been considerate of the interests of others and never loses sight of the community welfare, to the betterment of which he willingly and readily contributes his share and more than his share.

JOHN WALTER JORDAN.

Although one of the younger representatives of the Boone county bar, the comparative youth of John Walter Jordan seems to be no detriment, as he has already gained a position as a representative of the legal profession that many an older lawyer might well envy. He has his B. L. degree from the State University and has practiced continuously since 1907. He was born in Boone, May

24, 1883, and is still a resident of the county seat. His parents were Richard and Martha (Lynch) Jordan, both natives of New York. His grandparents on the paternal side were John and Anna (Connolly) Jordan, natives of Ireland, and on coming to the new world in the autumn of 1856, they settled at Dixon, Lee county, Illinois, where they remained for ten years. The year 1866 witnessed their arrival in Boone county, Iowa, at which time they took up their abode upon a farm and there spent their remaining days. Their son, Richard F. Jordan, father of John Walter Jordan, was born in Glens Falls, New York, on the 19th of March, 1856, and in the fall of the same year was taken by his parents to Illinois. He was one of five children, the others being, Mary, Maurice, Alice and Edward C. Richard F. Jordan was educated in the country schools and at the age of seventeen years entered the Iowa State College at Ames, from which he was graduated with valedictorian honors in the class of 1877. He then entered a law school at Des Moines and on the 7th of June, 1879, was admitted to the bar. Returning to Boone, he here entered upon the practice of his chosen profession and was associated with various partners, the firm style being successively, Ramsey & Jordan, Crooks & Jordan, Jordan & Brockett, and Jordan & Goodykoontz. He also practiced alone for a time and throughout the entire period of his connection with the Boone county bar ranked high as one of the leading lawyers of his section of the state.

While a law student in Des Moines, Richard F. Jordan formed the acquaintance of Miss Martha L. Lynch and their friendship ripening into love, they were married on the 23d of May, 1882. Four children were born to them: John Walter, of this review; Richard Frank, of Chicago; and Helen and Clara, at home. Mr. Jordan lost his life as a result of injuries sustained in a fire September 3, 1901. A stable on his premises burned and in an endeavor to rescue a favorite driving horse from the flames, he received injuries from which he died two days later. He was beloved by all who knew him, and thus it was that his death was the occasion of deep and widespread regret. He took an active part in civic affairs at all times, doing everything in his power to promote public progress, and his efforts resulted for good along many lines. He served as a member of the school board, was city solicitor, and president of the board of trustees of the public library. He was also president of the Business Men's Association and was active in formulating its policy for the promotion of the best interests of the city. Frequently he was called upon to deliver public addresses and on such occasions he was always given the closest attention. While in national affairs he was a democrat, he cast a non-partisan vote at local elections. His fraternal relations were with the Elks, and his religious faith was that of the Catholic church. His widow survives him and makes her home in Boone, where she has an extensive circle of friends.

Reared in his native city, John Walter Jordan attended the public schools and in 1900 entered the Iowa State College, from which he was graduated with the class of 1904, completing the course which gave him the Bachelor of Science degree. He next entered the Iowa State University at Iowa City, where he pursued his law course and won his Bachelor of Laws degree in 1907. In the fall of the same year he opened an office in Boone for the practice of his chosen profession. On the 1st of September, 1913, he formed a partnership with S. R. Dyer and Walter R. Dyer, under the firm style of Dyer, Jordan & Dyer. His

name figures in connection with many important litigated interests, and his ability is growing through the exercise of his powers and through his continued reading, study and investigation. He analyzes his cases most carefully and is seldom if ever at fault in the application of a legal principle.

Mr. Jordan was reared to the Catholic faith, to which he still adheres, and he belongs to the Knights of Columbus and the Benevolent Protective Order of Elks. His political support is given the democratic party.

A. R. WESTERBERG.

A. R. Westerberg, who in 1899 established the Madrid Electric Lighting & Power Company in association with his father, is still the manager of the electric plant in Madrid, which is conceded to be one of the best lighted towns of its size in the state. He has spent his entire life within the borders of Boone county, his birth having occurred in Garden township on the 6th of July, 1876.

The parents, A. P. Westerberg and Mrs. Emma Lundahl Anderson Westerberg, were both natives of Sweden, the former born in Skaraborg, Westergotland, on the 17th of July, 1840, and confirmed in the Lutheran church in 1856. When a young man of twenty-six years he emigrated to the United States, locating in Boone, Iowa, on the 9th of October, 1866. He entered the bridge-building department of the Chicago & Northwestern Railway and continued with the corporation for nine years. Having carefully saved his earnings, he then bought a tract of one hundred and twenty acres in Garden township, where he successfully carried on general agricultural pursuits, extending the boundaries of his farm by additional purchase until it embraced two hundred acres of valuable land. His last years were spent in Madrid, Iowa, where he passed away on the 22d of September, 1909. The period of his residence in Boone county covered more than four decades, and he was widely recognized as one of its substantial and esteemed citizens. The demise of his wife occurred on the old home farm in Garden township, and subsequently he was again married, his second union being with Mrs. Christina Westland, by whom he had one child, Lester Roosevelt Westerberg, who is a resident of Madrid. Unto him and his first wife were born eight children, as follows: Mrs. Maude Anderson Westerberg Sundberg, living in Garden township; A. R., of this review; Mrs. Ethel Weststrom, of Madrid, Iowa; Frank, who is a resident of Boone, Iowa; Mrs. Esther Krantz of Madrid; Edwin, living in Longmont, Colorado; Mrs. Blanche Peterson, who makes her home in Garden township; and Zylph, deceased. The above named were all born and reared in Garden township.

A. R. Westerberg grew to manhood on the home farm and attended the common schools in the acquirement of an education. Being mechanically inclined, he was given an opportunity to develop this talent in successfully controlling a threshing outfit in the neighborhood. Subsequently he applied himself to the study of electricity and mastered the science through his own efforts. In 1899 in association with his father he established the Madrid Electric Lighting & Power Company of Madrid, in the conduct of which A. P. Westerberg took a deep and active interest during the remainder of his life, living to see the plant

one of the best equipped in central Iowa. In 1912 the local plant was abandoned, and our subject has since secured the power from Boone, where it is furnished by the Iowa Railway & Light Company. This has given universal satisfaction and Mr. Westerberg has realized his ambition in making Madrid one of the best lighted towns of its size in the state. He acts as manager of the plant and is one of its heaviest stockholders. He owns an attractive and commodious residence in Madrid and has long been numbered among the prosperous, enterprising and representative citizens of the community.

On the 5th of April, 1900, Mr. Westerberg was united in marriage to Miss Emma Grace Krantz, who was born in Garden township, this county, on the 28th of April, 1875, her parents being John and Mary Krantz, the former a native of Sweden. They were among the earlier settlers of Boone county, and here Mrs. Westerberg grew to womanhood and acquired her education in the common schools. John Krantz passed away in Garden township, but his widow survives, making her home in Madrid. They had three children, namely: C. L., who was born on the 29th of June, 1873, and resides in Madrid; Mrs. A. R. Westerberg; and G. A. J. Krantz, of Madrid. All were born and reared in Garden township. Mr. and Mrs. Westerberg have one son, Edgar Richard Quinton Westerberg, who was born on the 23d of November, 1903, and is now a public-school student at Madrid.

In his political views Mr. Westerberg is a stanch republican. His religious faith is indicated by his membership in the Swedish Lutheran church of Madrid, to which his wife also belongs. He is a man of good business ability, of exemplary habits and upright character, is worthy the trust of his fellowmen and fully merits the good-will which is uniformly extended him.

T. J. MAHONEY.

T. J. Mahoney, a well known representative of the legal fraternity in Boone county, has been engaged in active practice at Boone since 1901 and is now a partner of William W. Goodykoontz. He is numbered among the worthy native sons of this county, his birth having here occurred on the 16th of October, 1876. His parents, Timothy and Mary (Hickey) Mahoney, were both born in Ireland. When still but a child the father was brought to the United States and taken to Wisconsin. In 1867 he came to Boone county, Iowa, and has here remained throughout the intervening forty-seven years. He devoted his attention to general agricultural pursuits during his active business career but is now living retired in the enjoyment of well earned ease. Mr. Mahoney has held some minor township offices and also served as alderman in Boone, ever proving an efficient and faithful public servant. He is well known and highly esteemed throughout the community, having won the friendship and regard of all with whom he has been associated during the long years of his residence here. Unto him and his wife were born the following children: two who died in infancy; William, who is a resident of Casper, Wyoming; Frank and George, both of whom are deceased; Edwin, a resident of Boone, Iowa; Joseph H., living in

Des Moines; Dora, who is the wife of P. M. Reilly, of Boone; Mary, who gave her hand in marriage to A. E. Murphy, of Boone; and T. J., of this review.

The last named acquired his early education in the district schools and subsequently continued his studies in the Iowa State College at Ames, being graduated from that institution in 1896. He next took up the study of law at Des Moines, winning the degree of LL. B. in 1901. In that year he came to Boone and for twelve months practiced his profession in partnership with M. K. Ramsey. He is now associated with William W. Goodykoontz and is recognized as an attorney of power and ability, being accorded an extensive and gratifying clientage. The zeal with which he has devoted his energies to his profession, the careful regard evinced for the interests of his clients and an assiduous and unrelaxing attention to all the details of his cases, have brought him a large business and made him very successful in its conduct. In April, 1898, he enlisted for service in the Spanish-American war as a member of Company I, Fifty-second Iowa Volunteer Infantry, and on October 30th of the same year was mustered out as corporal. He is now judge advocate of the First Iowa Brigade of the National Guard.

On the 30th of June, 1913, Mr. Mahoney was united in marriage to Miss Josephine Patton, a native of Emmetsburg, Iowa. He gives his political allegiance to the democracy and is a devout communicant of the Catholic church, while fraternally he is identified with the Knights of Columbus and the Benevolent Protective Order of Elks. His genial qualities, his social disposition and his sterling worth have gained him many friends in this community, and the high regard in which he is held merits his classification with the representative and esteemed citizens of his native county.

JOHN LUNDAHL.

John Lundahl, who now lives practically retired in Madrid, was for many years a most successful agriculturist of Boone county. He was born in Sweden, March 11, 1852, and in 1865 came to America, with his parents, Andrew and Johanna Lundahl, the family selecting Swede Point (now Madrid) for their first habitat. The first winter they spent in Douglas township, returning to Madrid in the spring. There they lived one year and then removed to the farm of John Anderson, where they spent a number of years in the cultivation of the soil. At the end of that time they were able to purchase a farm in Douglas township, which yielded them rich returns and which they managed for some time. Mr. Lundhal of this review resided there until the death of the father. His parents were natives of Sweden. The mother was born January 7, 1829, and died in Madrid at the age of seventy-seven years, May 10, 1906. After the death of her husband in Douglas township, Mrs. Lundahl kept the family together and with the aid of the older sons successfully continued in the cultivation of the home farm. She had six children, as follows: Mrs. Westerberg, now deceased; John, of this review; Frederick, born in 1854, deceased; Frank, a resident of Canada; Victor, of Garden township, this county; and Mrs. Amanda C. Johnson, born February 10, 1868, who is residing in Madrid. Mrs.



JOHN LYNDALL AND FAMILY

Johnson is a native of Boone county, but the other members of the family were all born in Sweden.

John Lundahl continued agricultural pursuits until April 1, 1911, when he and his wife removed to Madrid to occupy their handsome dwelling in that city. The first business block of the town stood on the site where their home is now located, and in it a store was conducted by a man named Hornbeck. Mr. Lundahl still owns two hundred acres of highly improved and choice land in Garden township, eighty of which are located on section 29, forty on section 30 and eighty on section 20. To the cultivation of this farm, purchased by him in 1876, he gave his attention for many years and it is today recognized as one of the most desirable in its region. Mr. Lundahl always followed the most modern methods and cultivated his fields with a view toward soil preservation. He succeeded because he was careful and untiring and because he always applied great intelligence to his work.

On May 1, 1878, John Lundahl was married, in Douglas township, to Josephine Johnson, who was born August 2, 1855, in Sweden. Her parents came to America in 1868 and located in De Soto, Dallas county, Iowa. Her father, A. P. Johnson, a native of Sweden, was for a time connected with railroad work in De Soto. In 1875 he and his family located on a farm in Garden township, which he had purchased three years before. He died in that township in 1907, highly respected by all who knew him. His wife, Mrs. Sophia (Johnson) Johnson, also a native of Sweden, now resides in Madrid. She bore her husband eight children: Mrs. Josephine Lundahl; John, of Des Moines; Aaron, deceased; Swante, deceased; August, of Garden township; Matilda, of Madrid; Jennie, deceased; and Oscar, residing in Madrid. Some of the children were born in Sweden and the remainder in Boone county, where all were reared.

Mr. and Mrs. Lundahl had five children, all born in Garden township: Esther, whose birth occurred March 19, 1879, and who died in Garden township; Harry Edwin, born November 9, 1881, who resides on the home farm in Garden township; Mrs. Mabel M. Benson, born August 11, 1884, who lives at Stillwater, Minnesota, her husband being chaplain at the state penitentiary of that place; Maude Matilda, who was born March 10, 1888, and died at the age of sixteen months; and Carl, whose birth occurred August 30, 1890, now a member of the firm of Johnson & Lundahl of Madrid, who are engaged in the buying and selling of grain and coal. All the children attended the common schools, the youngest son being a graduate of the Madrid high school. Harry attended Augustana College of Rock Island, Illinois, for two years. Mrs. Mabel Benson is highly proficient in music and took one year's instruction in that art at Jewell Junction and one year in the Conservatory of Music of Drake University at Des Moines.

Mr. and Mrs. Lundahl are members of St. John's Lutheran church of Madrid, of which he was trustee and has been a deacon for a number of years. They are deeply interested in church work and carry out their Christian ideas in their everyday life. Both are enterprising citizens, desirous and willing to assume their share in any worthy public enterprise. Politically Mr. Lundahl is a republican and for a number of years was trustee of Garden township. For twelve years he has been a school director, having always taken an interest in

the cause of education. He has traveled extensively, having visited Mexico and other countries. Both Mr. and Mrs. Lundahl are highly esteemed and respected in Madrid, where they have many friends and are ranked among the foremost citizens of Boone county. Mr. Lundahl is entitled to the honor of being called a self-made man, having built up his fortune without any outside help. The respect which is paid him is well merited and the prosperity which has come to him is due him in recognition of his unfaltering efforts.

HORACE THOMAS COOK.

Horace Thomas Cook is the oldest representative of mercantile interests in Boone in years of continuous connection with business. The spirit of enterprise and progress has ever dominated him in all that he has undertaken, and he has built up a business of large and gratifying proportions. He was born in Boonesboro, Iowa, May 21, 1868, a son of Lorenzo Dow and Belle (Thomas) Cook, the former a native of Illinois and the latter of Indiana. In the year 1854 the father arrived in Boone county and began clerking for his father-in-law, Shallum Thomas, who settled in Boonesboro in 1852. After a few years he became a partner in the store and later took over the business, subsequent to which time he admitted two partners. The firm name was then L. D. Cook & Company. Mr. Cook afterward purchased a business in Boone in 1878 and conducted the two stores. About 1880 he purchased the interest of his two partners and in 1883 he retired from business. His interests had been carefully managed, and his energy and determination enabled him to overcome all difficulties and obstacles and work his way steadily upward to success. Mr. Cook departed this life in December, 1886, having for ten years survived his wife, who died in June, 1876. Unto them were born three children: Nora and Grace, both of whom died in infancy; and Horace Thomas. Following the death of his first wife the father was married, in 1878, to Clara Benjamin, and unto them was born a daughter, Clara Belle, now the wife of Dr. Heinenan, of Colorado. Mrs. Lorenzo D. Cook-Leonard is a resident of California.

Horace T. Cook, reared in his native county, attended school until sixteen years of age and then entered business life in connection with the trade of book-binding. At a later date he entered into active connection with the clothing business as an employe of the firm of Wallace & Johnson. This was in 1888 and he continued in that house for seven and a half years. In 1897 he established a business on his own account in connection with James T. Regan, the partnership continuing for nine months under the firm style of Cook & Regan. At the end of that time Mr. Cook purchased the business, which has since been carried on under the name of H. T. Cook. He carries a large and well selected line of men's clothing and furnishings and is today the oldest representative in the mercantile line in Boone. His store is well appointed, his stock large and attractive, and his progressive methods have placed him among the leading and successful merchants of his part of the state. The location of the store would ordinarily insure good business, but the personality of the owner and his methods according to the general opinion have been the salient features in his growing success.

He has made it his purpose to serve each customer in such a way as to secure his continued patronage and friendship and the same treatment is carried out by those in his employ in the conduct of all business transactions. Mr. Cook is outspoken and always to the point, qualities which are admired by those who have regard for truth and abhor anything that even approaches hypocrisy or dissimulation in the slightest degree.

On the 23d of September, 1890, Mr. Cook was united in marriage to Miss Harriet M. Shulters, a native of Boone, and they became parents of four children: Margaret, deceased; Lucille, twin to Margaret, who has also passed away; Caryl Clare, born in July, 1894; and Horace Dow, whose birth occurred in May, 1899. In his political views Mr. Cook is a stalwart republican and keeps well informed on the questions and issues of the day. He belongs to the Masonic order and to the Benevolent Protective Order of Elks, and his religious faith is that of the Presbyterian church. These associations indicate much of the principles that govern his conduct and have made him a man whom to know is to respect and honor. He has a wide and favorable acquaintance in his native county, and the fact that many of his staunchest friends are those who have known him from his boyhood indicates that his life has been an honorable and upright one.

HENRY MAAS.

Henry Maas was one of the very successful German American agriculturists of Boone county, Iowa. For many years he cultivated a profitable farm near Ogden which is now in possession of his widow. Mr. Maas combined German patience and thoroughness with American aggressiveness and by following modern and up-to-date methods and giving close attention to all tasks at hand gained success. He was born in Germany and early in life crossed the Atlantic to America. In 1871 he came to Boone county, Iowa, and purchased land which he operated until his death. He transformed the wild prairie into richly bearing fields, and the appearance of his farm buildings betrayed his careful attention to the smallest detail of operation. He was ever ready to embrace the latest ideas and the most modern machinery could be found upon his place. He was rewarded by rich annual harvests and as time passed he became one of the substantial farmers of his neighborhood.

In 1871 Mr. Maas was united in marriage to Miss Margaret Ehlers, a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John Ehlers, also natives of Germany. The father concluded his days in the fatherland, and after his death his widow came to America and made her home with her daughter until she passed to her reward in 1901. Mr. and Mrs. Maas had twelve children, Catherina, Johanna, Henry, Charles, Herman, Margaret, Lena, Marie, Edward and William. Two daughters Emma and Annie, died in infancy. For the past nine years Mrs. Maas has made her home in Ogden, although she still owns the homestead. She resides in a fine modern brick residence in Ogden and is highly esteemed and respected in that city, where she has many friends.

Mr. Maas was a member of the German Lutheran church. He was interested in all worthy public projects and took a deep pride in the civic advancement of his section. He not only gained individual success but by his labors contributed toward raising agricultural standards and was a factor in raising Iowa to the position of the most prosperous agricultural state in the Union. Mr. Maas died in 1894, his demise causing sincere mourning to his many friends. He left his family in most comfortable circumstances, but their greatest heritage is the memory of his untarnished and honorable life.

GEORGE WALKER.

George Walker is now living retired in a pleasant home at No. 714 Fifth street in Boone but in former years was closely and prominently connected with agricultural activity in Boone county. He has passed the seventy-seventh milestone on life's journey, his birth having occurred near Edinburgh, Scotland, on the 10th of February, 1837. His forefathers had there resided for generations and were salt makers, many representatives of the name residing at Musselburgh and Inverness. The paternal grandparents, George and Isabelle (Juere) Walker, and the parents, James and Margaret (Gregg) Walker, all died in Scotland. The mother of George Walker came of a family noted for longevity and she reached the remarkable old age of ninety-seven years. Her children were: Isabelle, who became the wife of Robert Grundy and died in Scotland; Jane, who married Angus McMillan and died in Scotland; George, of this review; Janet, who became the wife of David Howie and died in Scotland; James, who passed away in the same country; Alison, who married Cornelius Yourston, who for thirty-nine years was sealer of weights and measures in Edinburgh; Helen, now living in Scotland; and Margaret, who became the wife of John Blythe and died in Boone county.

George Walker attended the home schools of Cockenzie, pursuing his studies there until he reached the age of twelve years, when he began work in the salt and coal mines. The village was located on the coast and vessels would stop there to coal. Mr. Walker and others boys would haul coal and salt to the ships. At seventeen years of age he left home and went to Lanarkshire, near Glasgow, where he was employed in the coal mines for four years. He then returned home and worked in that locality for a time. He next went to Midlothian, the region made famous by Sir Walter Scott's romantic and pathetic story of *The Heart of Midlothian*. In 1868 he sailed for the United States as a passenger on the steamship *Hibernia* and landed at New York on the 4th of July. He made the voyage alone, leaving his wife and three children in Scotland until he could prepare a home for them in the new world.

Mr. Walker made his way to Sharon, Pennsylvania, where he began work in the mines. He there continued until 1874 and in the meantime was joined by his wife and children. In the year mentioned he traveled westward to Rock Springs, Wyoming, where he spent a part of three years. On the expiration of that period he settled in Marcy township, Boone county, Iowa, where he purchased eighty acres of land and followed farming until about 1910. He added



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to his property, becoming owner of one hundred and fifty acres which he still owns and upon which he erected a new house and also built a substantial barn and other outbuildings for the shelter of grain and stock. Year by year he carefully tilled his fields and his labors brought good harvests. At length, with a comfortable competence acquired from his well directed efforts, he retired from business life and established his home in Boone, where he now resides.

It was in Scotland on the 16th of January, 1864, that Mr. Walker was united in marriage to Miss Margaret Grundy, of that land, a daughter of Robert and Agnes (Wishart) Grundy, in whose family were eleven children. Unto Mr. and Mrs. Walker have been born twelve children: Agnes, now the wife of Francis Muck, of Minnesota; Margaret, who was graduated at Independence, Iowa, and is now a trained nurse; Euphemia, who died in infancy; James C., who married Minnie Linerod and is a practicing physician of Boone; Robert and George, who have passed away; Walter, who married Carrie Counter and is living in Sioux City, Iowa; Robina, the wife of John Peacock, of Boone; Isabelle, the wife of John Wright, of Boone; John, living in Minnesota; Allie, who married John B. Donaldson, of Minnesota; and William, who married Clara Stewart and resides upon the home farm.

The parents are members of the Baptist church, in the work of which they have taken active and helpful interest, Mr. Walker, serving as one of the deacons for many years. His political allegiance is given to the republican party and he is a stalwart advocate of its principles. He has never had occasion to regret his determination to come to the new world. His youth was a period of earnest and unremitting toil in his native land and, believing that he might have better opportunities on this side the Atlantic, he came to the United States. Nor has he been disappointed in his hopes. Gradually he has worked his way upward here, finding that in America "labor is king." His business enterprise, his unfaltering diligence and his honorable dealing have been the salient features in his growing success, making him at length one of the substantial residents of Boone county.

SIXTEN T. ANDERSON.

Sixten T. Anderson is a member of the mercantile firm of Hagge & Anderson of Beaver and also serves as postmaster of the town, having held that position for the past decade. His birth occurred in Norrkoping, Sweden, on the 23d of January, 1875, his parents being Gus and Christina Anderson, who are likewise natives of that country. They emigrated to the United States in 1881, locating in Ogden, this county, where Gus Anderson worked in the employ of the Chicago & Northwestern Railway for some time. Subsequently he cultivated rented land for a time and later purchased a farm in Union township, which he operated during the remainder of his active business career. He now lives retired in Bouton, Dallas county, this state, enjoying the fruits of his former toil in well earned ease.

Sixten T. Anderson, who was a little lad of six years when he accompanied his parents on their emigration to the new world, acquired his education in

Boone county. After leaving the Ogden high school he was employed as a clerk by D. Nebbe of Ogden for a period of eight years and in 1902 came to Beaver. Here he embarked in the mercantile business in partnership with his father-in-law, Claus Hagge, and has remained a member of the firm of Hagge & Anderson to the present time. The concern carries an extensive and well selected stock of goods at reasonable prices and is accorded a gratifying patronage, both the members being widely recognized as enterprising, progressive and reliable merchants and capable business men. Mr. Anderson owns a third interest in a quarter section of land in Beaver township and is a stockholder in the Farmers Cooperative Company and the Grocers Wholesale Company of Des Moines, Iowa.

In June, 1902, Mr. Anderson was united in marriage to Miss Elizabeth Hagge, her parents being Claus and Margaret (Hensen) Hagge, of whom more extended mention is made in connection with the sketch of Henry D. Hagge, brother of Mrs. Anderson. Mr. Anderson is a republican in politics and is now making a creditable record as a member of the town council. He has likewise served as secretary of the school board and for two years held the office of mayor, his administration being characterized by valuable measures of reform and improvement. For the past ten years he has acted as postmaster of Beaver, satisfactorily discharging the duties devolving upon him in that capacity. The period of his residence in Boone county covers a third of a century and he has long been numbered among its respected, representative and public-spirited citizens.

EVAN H. JENKINS.

Evan H. Jenkins, who has been a leading resident of Ogden for the past twenty-two years, is a prominent factor in financial circles as president of the Farmers State Bank, which was organized in June, 1910. His birth occurred in Lee county, Iowa, on the 2d of January, 1852, his parents being W. H. C. and Mary A. (Cassel) Jenkins, both of whom were natives of Ohio. They came to Boone county, Iowa, in 1854, purchasing land in Marcy township which the father improved and cultivated during the remainder of his life. Both Mr. and Mrs. W. H. C. Jenkins are deceased.

Evan H. Jenkins was reared and educated in this county, pursuing his studies in a log schoolhouse. He remained under the parental roof until he had attained his majority and subsequently purchased and improved a farm of one hundred and sixty acres in Beaver township, devoting his attention to its operation until 1892. As his financial resources increased, owing to his untiring industry and capable management, he augmented his property holdings by additional purchase and now owns six hundred and seventy acres of rich and productive land, one hundred and ninety acres thereof lying in Greene county. In 1892 he put aside the active work of the fields and took up his abode in Ogden, where he has remained continuously since and where he owns a magnificent home. In June, 1910, the Farmers State Bank was organized and he became a stockholder, director and president of the institution, the affairs of which he has since guided most

ably and well. He is likewise a stockholder in the City State Bank of Ogden and well deserves a place among the leading and representative citizens of the county.

In March, 1878, Mr. Jenkins was united in marriage to Miss Elizabeth McCarthy, a daughter of John and Catherine (Hoffman) McCarthy, who were natives of Canada and Indiana respectively. The parents became pioneer residents of this county, taking up their abode in Boonesboro, where Mr. McCarthy devoted his attention to mercantile pursuits. Both he and his wife have passed away. Mr. and Mrs. Jenkins are the parents of four children, as follows: Lura, who is the wife of C. E. Swain and resides in Malvern, Iowa; Laura B., the wife of D. E. Peck, of Berlin, Germany; Roy E., who operates his father's farm in Beaver township; and Eva E., who is a high-school teacher at Denison, Iowa.

In politics Mr. Jenkins is a stanch republican and he has done able service as a member of the town council and also on the school board. He is a charter member of the local lodge of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows, joining the organization in 1873. His religious faith is that of the Congregational church. His life has ever measured up to a high standard of manhood and honorable purpose and the years have brought him a circle of friends almost coextensive with the circle of his acquaintances.

WILLIAM WARD GOODYKOONTZ.

Boone county numbers William Ward Goodykoontz among its native sons, his birth having occurred within its borders on the 18th of August, 1872, his parents being Daniel F. and Mary Elizabeth (Moore) Goodykoontz, the former a native of Indiana and the latter of Pennsylvania. The father came to Iowa about the year 1855, settling in Allamakee county when it was largely an undeveloped district. In 1886 he removed to Boone and became one of the pioneer merchants of the city, opening a drug store. He built the first brick block in Boone and has contributed to the improvement and progress of this section in many ways. At the time of the Civil war he responded to the country's call for aid, enlisting as a member of Company B, Twelfth Iowa Infantry, with which he was on active duty throughout the period of hostilities, participating in many engagements which led up to the final victory that crowned the Union arms. In 1906 he was called upon to mourn the loss of his wife, who died on the 6th of January, of that year. In their family were two children, but they lost their second child in infancy.

William Ward Goodykoontz attended the public schools and passed through consecutive grades until graduated from the high school on the 28th of May, 1890. He afterward went to Ann Arbor, Michigan, where he entered the State University, there pursuing a collegiate course, where, in 1895, he was graduated on the completion of the law course. He afterward returned to Boone, where he opened an office and has since practiced.

On the 31st of December, 1900, Mr. Goodykoontz was united in marriage to Miss Florence S. Streeter, a native of Blackhawk county, Iowa, who formerly

engaged in teaching in the schools of Boone. In their family are three children: Elizabeth G., who was born October 4, 1902; Mary W., October 25, 1904; and Daniel Edward, October 31, 1907. The family attend the Presbyterian church. The parents are well known socially, and the hospitality of their home is greatly enjoyed by their many friends. Mr. Goodykoontz is a member of the Knights of Pythias, the Independent Order of Odd Fellows and the Benevolent Protective Order of Elks. His political allegiance has been given to the republican party since age conferred upon him the right of franchise, and his fellow townsmen have several times called him to public office, and his record as mayor of the city, as city attorney and as legislator is a most commendable one. He served as a member of the city council before being made chief executive of Boone and his understanding of the needs of the city made him a splendid municipal officer. In 1908 he was called to represent his district in the state legislature, of which he was a member for four years. He proved an able working member on the floor of the house, connected with much important constructive legislation and serving on a number of the leading committees. He is a member of the Commercial Association and in this connection works effectively and earnestly for the advancement of the interests of Boone.

G. H. GETTY.

In connection with public affairs of his community G. H. Getty has been very active and at the present time he is serving for the second term as county auditor, in which connection he has made a splendid record as a painstaking and trustworthy official. He was born in Washington county, New York, November 25, 1870, and is a son of James H. and Sarah E. (Williamson) Getty, both of whom were natives of New York and in 1877 came to Iowa. They settled on a farm in Beaver township, Boone county, and in connection with developing the fields and cultivating the crops best adapted to soil and climate Mr. Getty engaged in the raising of blooded Holstein cattle, winning substantial success in the conduct of his business interests. Unto him and his wife were born five children: G. H., of this review; Estella, the wife of James Boomer, of Greene county, Iowa; James A. and Nettie E., both of whom are now deceased; and Guy W., living in Meade county, South Dakota.

G. H. Getty was a lad of but six years when the family came to Iowa and upon the home farm in Beaver township he was reared, early becoming familiar with all the duties and labors that fall to the lot of the agriculturist. He attended the public schools and when eighteen years of age took up the profession of teaching. He was not satisfied, however, with the education that he had thus far acquired and he grasped eagerly every opportunity that would enable him to broaden his knowledge and thus prepare for the higher responsibilities of life. He at length entered the Greene County Normal School, from which he was graduated, afterward taking a special course in bookkeeping, commercial branches and in law. He followed the profession of teaching for twenty years and at the same time managed a farm and engaged in raising thoroughbred stock in Beaver township. It is a widely recognized fact that he is a man of undaunted

energy and that diligence and determination are among his chief characteristics. Even important agricultural and professional duties did not seem to fully monopolize his time, for he was able also to faithfully perform the duties of various township offices. He served as road supervisor and township clerk and was twice a candidate for superintendent of schools—in 1899 and again in 1908. Failing of the nomination at the primaries, however, he showed nothing of a disgruntled spirit, but actively set to work to elect the man who was nominated. This is certainly an indication of his broad mind and public spirit. In 1908 he was offered and accepted the position of deputy county auditor and during his two years incumbency in that position he thoroughly acquainted himself with all of the intricate details of the work involved. He displayed thoroughness, patience and accuracy, and his ability was recognized by all who knew aught of the workings and management of the office. In 1910 his party sought him to become a candidate for the position of county auditor and he was elected. Indorsement of his first term service came in 1912, when he was reelected by an overwhelming majority, a deserved honor conferred upon him by the citizens of Boone county, irrespective of party ties. He is now the present incumbent and his record is most satisfactory to the people of the community.

On the 15th of March, 1893, Mr. Getty was united in marriage to Miss Emma M. Hayer, a native of Boone county, and unto them have been born six children: Sarah Nettie and Lillian Elizabeth, who are attending high school; a son who died in infancy; Donald Hiram; Mildred Frances; and Everett Benjamin.

The family attend the Baptist church, in which Mr. and Mrs. Getty hold membership. He is also identified with various fraternal organizations and exemplifies in his life the beneficent spirit upon which these have been founded. In politics he is a republican, always well versed concerning the important issues and questions of the day, and he has become a recognized leader in party ranks in Boone county. Almost his entire life has been passed in this county and his worth and ability are recognized and attested by his fellow townsmen, his circle of friends being an extensive one.

LINCOLN McCASKEY.

Lincoln McCaskey, owning and operating a well improved farm of eighty acres on section 20, Yell township, has been a resident of Boone county throughout practically his entire life or for more than a half century. His birth occurred in Indiana on the 1st of April, 1861, his parents being Harrison and Elsie (Ritter) McCaskey, the former a native of Ohio and the latter of Pennsylvania. They came to this county in 1863, the father purchasing and improving a farm in Yell township which he operated throughout the remainder of his active business career. The last few years of his life were spent in honorable retirement at Ogden, where he passed away in September, 1900. His demise was the occasion of deep and widespread regret in the community which had been his home for thirty-seven years. His widow, who is seventy-six years of age, still makes her home in Ogden, where she is well known and highly esteemed.

Lincoln McCaskey, who was but two years old when brought to Boone county by his parents, attended the district schools in the acquirement of an education and remained at home until he had attained his majority. When twenty-one years of age he began the cultivation of a rented tract of land but at the end of two years bought property of his own, purchasing eighty acres on section 20, Yell township, which he improved and which he has operated continuously to the present time. His undertakings as an agriculturist have been attended with gratifying success, the well tilled fields annually paying tribute to his care and labor in bounteous harvests.

On the 25th of March, 1884, Mr. McCaskey was joined in wedlock to Miss Mary J. Pugsley, a daughter of Wyman and Margaret (Reading) Pugsley, the former a native of New York and the latter of Germany. Mr. Pugsley removed to Minnesota in an early day and in 1865 enlisted for service in the Civil war as a member of the First Minnesota Regiment, remaining with that command for six months or until the cessation of hostilities between the North and the South. After returning to Minnesota he followed farming in that state for a short time and then came to Boone county, Iowa, purchasing the property which is now in possession of our subject. Subsequently he bought another tract of land and continued its cultivation throughout the remainder of his life with the exception of a year spent in Kansas and another year or two in New York. His demise occurred in this county on the 20th of August, 1902, when he had attained the age of sixty-seven years. Mrs. Pugsley, who survives her husband, is seventy-seven years of age and still resides on the old home place. Mr. and Mrs. McCaskey have five children, namely: Bessie, Devillo, Maude, Wilma and Gertrude. All are still under the parental roof.

Mr. McCaskey gives his political allegiance to the republican party and is now holding the office of assessor in Yell township. He has, moreover, promoted the interests of the cause of education as a school director. Having spent practically his entire life within Boone county's borders, he has become widely acquainted here, while his genial disposition has made for him a circle of warm friends which is almost coextensive with the circle of his acquaintances. He possesses, moreover, those sterling traits of character which in every land and clime win confidence, respect and good-will, and by the consensus of public opinion he is accorded a prominent place among the valued citizens of his community.

FREEMAN L. PAINE.

Freeman L. Paine, who now lives retired in Boone in the enjoyment of a well earned rest, was for many years a conductor of the Northwestern Railroad Company and has made his residence in Boone since 1880. He owns a handsome home at 1219 Story street, where he is surrounded with all of the comforts of life. He was born September 20, 1842, near Erie, Pennsylvania, and is a son of Eddy Brown and Sally (Holmes) Paine, the father born in Providence, Rhode Island, in 1796, and the mother in Albany, New York. When a young man the father went to Albion, New York, where he was married to Sally



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Holmes, and there he engaged in farming and dairying for a time. About 1848 he removed to Belvidere, Illinois, where he continued along that line of business. He was prominent in Belvidere and for many years was connected with the Baptist church, of which he was a deacon for four decades. He died there in 1868, but his wife passed away in Waverly, Iowa, while on a visit to her daughter Mrs. James Moss, her death occurring in 1858, when she was quite a young woman. In their family were the following children: Frank, Harry F. and Ezra H., all of whom died in Belvidere; Albert E., who died in San Francisco; Freeman L., the only member of the family of eight now surviving; Anna M., who died when quite young; Marietta, deceased; and Adelia, who married James Moss and passed away in Waverly, Iowa.

Freeman L. Paine passed his boyhood and young manhood in Belvidere, attending the public schools of that city. At the age of twenty-one he removed to Chicago, Illinois, finding employment with the Illinois Central Railroad on a passenger train. He soon demonstrated his ability and was promoted to the position of passenger conductor. About 1880 he was conductor of a freight for a few months, but subsequently became a passenger conductor on the Northwestern, a position which he held until about five years ago, when he retired on a pension. Many were the celebrated personages whom he carried on his train, among them being President Arthur, President Cleveland and his young bride and also President McKinley. With him have traveled many noted men of all walks of life, including MacKay, the millionaire, and Senator Clark, of Montana fame. Mr. Paine has made his home in Boone since 1880 and is numbered among the city's most respected residents.

On January 29, 1873, our subject was married, at Paxton, Ford county, Illinois, to Miss Augusta Dudley Carlisle, of that city. She was born in Yonkers, New York, January 29, 1853, and when less than a year old removed with her parents to Bloomington, Illinois. When she was eight years of age the family located in Toledo, Ohio, where she attended the Ursuline Convent until the age of seventeen. Her father, Thomas Carlisle, died when she was only twelve years of age, at which time he was superintendent of military roads in Kentucky, where his death occurred. Afterward his widow and children located in Paxton, Illinois, and there Mrs. Paine began teaching school at the age of seventeen. She is one of the organizers and the first regent of De Shon Chapter of the Daughters of the American Revolution at Boone, having five Revolutionary ancestors. Her father was born in Salem, Massachusetts, in 1819, and was a son of Rev. Thomas Carlisle, rector of St. Peter's church of that place. The latter's wife was Eleanor Forrester, a daughter of Simon and Rachel (Hawthorne) Forrester. Mrs. Paine is also a member of the Connecticut Society of Mayflower Descendants, her direct ancestor being Elder William Brewster. Her five Revolutionary ancestors were Captain Daniel De Shon, General Gurdon Saltonstall and his son Major Saltonstall, Captain Simon Forrester and Captain Daniel Hawthorne. The mother of Mrs. Paine before her marriage was Miss Augusta Coit De Shon, who was born in New London, Connecticut, and comes of an old and distinguished French family. The first American ancestor, Daniel De Shon, came from France shortly after the revocation of the Edict of Nantes, settling in Rhode Island. His children became pioneers of Connecticut. Mr. Paine is also of Revolutionary stock on his mother's side, being descended from Captain Ezra

Holmes. He is a relative of Thomas Paine and is descended from Roger Williams through the latter's daughter Mercy.

Mr. Paine was reared in the Baptist church and his wife adheres to the Protestant Episcopal denomination. She has always deeply interested herself in religious work and gives much of her time and thought to that object. Mr. Paine participates in many movements which are undertaken for the betterment of the city and is interested in measures which have for their purpose general development. He has always been a republican and is thoroughly in sympathy with the aims and purposes of that organization.

CARL A. ALSIN.

Carl A. Alsin, who is a native of Boone county, his birth having occurred in Garden township on February 26, 1872, is very successful in the conduct of a profitable livery business. His barn, only recently built, is modern in every respect and his equipment conforms to the same standard. Carl A. Alsin is a son of John and Margaret (Olson) Alsin, both natives of Sweden, who passed away in Madrid. They came to America in 1864 and settled at Swede Point, now Madrid. They resided for a short time in the town but then purchased a farm in Garden township, to the cultivation of which the father gave his sole attention. He was an energetic and industrious man who always followed the latest methods, and it is therefore natural that he succeeded in accumulating a competence. Both he and his wife subsequently retired to Madrid, where they spent the remainder of their lives. They had seven children: Mrs. Coleman, of Omaha, Nebraska; John, a resident of Boone; Peter, who also resides there; Mrs. Clara Peterson, deceased; Mrs. Hulda Newman, of Garden township; Mrs. Anna Orth, of Denver, Colorado; and Carl A., of this review. The five elder children were born in Sweden and the younger are natives of Garden township.

Carl A. Alsin has always been a resident of Boone county. In the acquirement of his education he attended the common schools and subsequently assisted his father in the work on the homestead. He then learned the trade of harness making in Madrid and followed this occupation for three years. The next year he resided in Omaha, Nebraska, being connected with the painter's trade. On the 4th of May, 1910, he turned his attention to the livery business in Madrid and so successful were his efforts that in May, 1912, he decided to build his present up-to-date barn, which is one of the best to be found in this part of the state. Mr. Alsin not only maintains a sales stable but also boards horses and has one of the roomiest and most substantially built feed sheds in Boone county. He also maintains an automobile service and derives a gratifying income from this business departure.

On February 21, 1894, Mr. Alsin married Miss Helma Hultman, who was born in Sweden, July 4, 1872. She came to America with her parents in 1885, the family selecting Madrid as their home. Both her father and mother were natives of the northern kingdom and died in Madrid. Mr. and Mrs. Alsin had two sons: Martin, born February 18, 1895, who attended the common schools

and is at present holding the position of clerk in the Kinsey general mercantile store in Madrid; and Floyd N., born April 15, 1898, attending the Madrid high school. Mrs. Alsin passed away in Colfax township on July 9, 1909. On February 8, 1911, Mr. Alsin was again married, his second union being with Miss Nellie Westerstrom, a native of Rockford, Illinois, where she was born June 5, 1876. Her parents were natives of Sweden, and her father is now residing in Madrid, while the mother has passed away. Mr. and Mrs. Westerstrom were the parents of six children.

Mr. Alsin is a republican. His business interests demand his whole attention, and he has found no time to actively enter the political arena, although he is ever ready to give his support to worthy public enterprises. He owns his home and also has other realty interests in Madrid, including two vacant lots and a fourth of a block in the business part of the city, whereon his business is conducted. He is an able business man, attentive to his customers and untiring in his efforts to please them. He has succeeded because he centers his whole being upon his business affairs. Socially he is well liked, and he has many friends in Madrid and Boone county.

ALBERT J. WOLF.

Albert J. Wolf is one of the substantial agriculturists of Pilot Mound township, Boone county, having also followed teaching for some time and having rendered services to his country in the Spanish-American war. He was born in Pilot Mound township in August, 1871, and is a son of Henry and Minnie (Frey) Wolf, natives of Germany, the father being one of the first settlers of Boone county, acquiring land in Pilot Mound township which he improved and cultivated until 1909, when he retired, taking up his residence in Boone. There he and his wife now spend the evening of life among the comforts and conveniences which are theirs by right of many years of arduous labor.

Albert J. Wolf was reared and educated in Pilot Mound township, completing his schooling at Highland Park College of Des Moines. He then taught for four years and subsequently enlisted in Company I for service in the Spanish-American war, wearing the military uniform of his nation for four months. After being discharged he came to Pilot Mound township, buying the Pilot Mound Monitor, a weekly newspaper, which he successfully edited and published for five years. He then removed to his father's farm on section 31, Pilot township, and has operated the same ever since, receiving large annual harvests in remuneration for his well directed labors. He follows the most progressive and up-to-date methods and has made many improvements since taking charge.

In June, 1900, Mr. Wolf married Miss E. Louise Stark, a daughter of William and Olive Stark, natives of Boone county, who are living at Pilot Mound, the father being an old-time resident of that locality. Mr. and Mrs. Wolf have three children, Theodore F., Archidean and Winston.

Mr. Wolf is a trustee and secretary of the board of the Farmers Cooperative Company of Pilot Mound and at present serves as clerk of his township, having recently been reelected. Fraternally he is a member of the Modern Woodmen

of America, the Masonic lodge and the Spanish-American War Veterans Association, while politically he affiliates with the republican party. His religious faith is that of the Baptist church, and he takes an interest in church work as well as in all other movements initiated for the betterment of humanity along material, moral and intellectual lines.

CHARLES OTIS.

Charles Otis is one of the active business men of Boone, conducting an extensive lumberyard, of which he has been sole proprietor since 1906. He is also the owner of excellent farming property and in all of his business dealings displays an energy that enables him to overcome obstacles and difficulties and work his way steadily upward. He was born in Michigan, July 17, 1874, and is a son of Henry H. and Mary L. (Bascom) Otis. The father, who passed away May 17, 1913, was for a long period an honored resident of Iowa. He was born June 21, 1838, in Ashtabula county, Ohio, and was a son of Robert Otis, a native of New York, and a grandson of John Otis, who became an early resident of the Empire state and removed thence to Ohio, but afterward became a resident of northwestern Pennsylvania, where his death occurred in 1846. He served as a soldier of the Revolutionary war. The family is of Scotch-Irish lineage. Robert Otis, grandfather of our subject, removed from New York to Ashtabula county, Ohio, in 1830, and in 1876 went with his son Henry to Iowa, where he died in October, 1894, when in his eighty-fifth year. His wife, Mrs. Lucy Otis, was a native of Connecticut and a daughter of Charles Richards, who was of English descent, and for many years resided in central New York, where he cultivated a farm and operated a distillery. He died in 1858, while his wife, Abigail Manly, passed away at the age of seventy-six years. Their daughter, Mrs. Robert Otis, died in Trumbull county, Ohio, in 1884 at the age of seventy-two years.

Henry H. Otis supplemented a public school training by study in the Western Reserve Seminary at West Farmington, Ohio, and following the outbreak of the Civil war joined the Union army, May 29, 1862, as a member of Company B, Eighty-seventh Regiment of Ohio Volunteers. Six months later he was transferred to the Thirteenth Ohio Infantry and at Harpers Ferry, September 12, 1862, was promoted to the rank of captain. Five months later, by special permission of Governor Tod, he was transferred to the western army as a member of the Thirteenth Ohio Regiment. He fought in the battles of Harpers Ferry, Antietam, Stone River and others, and was honorably discharged January 1, 1864.

After the close of the war Henry H. Otis engaged in the insurance business and later became a commercial traveler, and subsequently began farming in Trumbull county, Ohio, where he remained from the spring of 1866 until 1872. He next conducted a hotel and livery barn in Kent county, Michigan, and in 1876 established his home in Harrison township, Boone county, Iowa. Three years later he removed to a farm in Des Moines township. In later years he concentrated his energies largely upon the dairy business, in which he met with substantial success. He was a member of the Knights of Pythias lodge at Boone,

and belonged also to Jerusalem Lodge No. 13, F. & A. M., of Hartford, Ohio, to the Druids and to the Grand Army of the Republic. He was married November 16, 1867, to Mary L. Bascom, a daughter of Horatio and Caroline (Newell) Bascom, natives of Kentucky. Henry Otis passed away May 17, 1913, and his widow now resides in Davenport, Iowa. They were parents of four children: Caroline N., living in Davenport; Lucy R., the wife of George M. Chapin, of Miles City, Montana; Charles; and Frank, of Boone.

Charles Otis spent his youthful days under the parental roof with the usual experiences that come to the farm lad reared in moderate financial circumstances. He attended the public schools and worked upon the home farm until twenty-four years of age. He then turned his attention to commercial pursuits, becoming connected with the lumber trade. In the meantime, however, he had volunteered for service in the Spanish-American war as a member of Company I, Fifty-second Infantry, and as first sergeant remained with his command until it was mustered out in October, 1898.

After his return home, Mr. Otis engaged in the lumber business and was associated with a partner from 1899 until 1906. He then purchased the interest of his partner and has since been alone, having a substantial business which brings to him an excellent financial return. His methods are such as will bear close investigation and scrutiny, and as the years have gone by his honorable dealing, his enterprising policy and his determination have been the sources of his splendid success. In addition to his lumber business, which is growing in volume and importance year by year, he has important farming interests, including a three hundred acre tract of land, together with one hundred acres in other tracts. He carries on general farming and stock-raising and both branches of his business are gratifying sources of income.

Mr. Otis was married on the 4th of May, 1899, to Miss Mary C. Zimbelman, a native of Boone county, and unto them have been born two children: Louise, born on the 6th of April, 1901; and Warren F., born August 30, 1902. The religious faith of the family is that of the Presbyterian church, while fraternally Mr. Otis is connected with the Masons. His political belief is that of the republican party, but he does not seek nor desire office, although never remiss in the duties of citizenship. He is interested in all that pertains to public progress and delights in what is being accomplished to make Boone a more progressive, more enterprising and better city, being especially helpful in his relations to all those things which are a matter of civic virtue and civic pride.

SCOTT E. TUCKER.

Scott E. Tucker has been actively identified with business interests of Boone for the past two decades as a successful grocery merchant. His entire life has been spent in Boone and Boone county, his birth having here occurred September 2, 1874. His parents, Charles and Emma (Norton) Tucker, both natives of New York, came to Boone, Iowa, in 1865. The father was identified with educational interests for many years, teaching in the district and city schools and winning an enviable reputation in this connection. He is now living prac-

tically retired and enjoys a wide and favorable acquaintance throughout the community which has remained his home for almost a half century. The mother was called to her final rest on the 28th of September, 1908. Our subject has one sister, Gracia E., who is now serving as county superintendent of schools for the second term.

Scott E. Tucker attended the district schools in the acquirement of an education and when a young man of about twenty years, in August, 1894, embarked in the grocery business at Boone, where he has been thus identified with mercantile interests to the present time. For about three years he was associated with Dr. Fred Webb, now of Macon, Georgia, and subsequently conducted business in partnership with his brother for about seven years. Since 1906, however he has been alone and has been accorded an extensive and gratifying patronage, for he carries a large and well selected line of staple and fancy groceries and has won an unassailable reputation for reliability and straightforward dealing. In May, 1911, he opened another store at No. 1639 Fifth street, which is also popular and well patronized.

On the 7th of August, 1906, Mr. Tucker was united in marriage to Miss Edna Hathaway, a native of Ohio, by whom he has two children: Elizabeth Ann, whose natal day was September 20, 1907; and Scott E. Tucker, Jr., born March 12, 1914. Mr. Tucker gives his political allegiance to the republican party. He is known to all his friends and acquaintances as a man of generous impulses, of kindly spirit and genial disposition, while in business circles he is recognized as an enterprising and prosperous merchant.

CARL C. OLSON.

Carl C. Olson, who takes his place among the progressive business men of Boone, has also participated in the public life of his county, having served as recorder for two terms. He is now half owner in The Hawkeye Laundry Company, and efficiently conducts the business along up-to-date and sanitary lines. He was born in Sweden, October 30, 1863, and is a son of Carl O. and Carrie (Mattson) Johnson, and grandson of John Person. The grandfather and father both served in the Swedish army and followed farming in their native land. The latter was educated there in the common schools but in 1868 emigrated to the United States with his family, consisting of wife and four children, in order to profit by the opportunities awaiting in this country. They made their way direct to Denison, Iowa, where they remained for a few months, and then came to Boone county, locating upon eighty acres of land four miles southeast of Ogden. The father developed this farm but in the fall of 1895 removed to Colorado, disposing of his Boone county interests. He purchased one hundred and twenty acres in Bent county, that state, residing there until his death January 9, 1914. He was born March 6, 1833, and his first wife, who died in 1886, was born in 1834. Both were devout adherents of the Lutheran church, taking much interest in its work. For his second wife the father married Miss Lizzie Lybeck, who was born in Boone county. By his first marriage he had the following children: John, who died in 1868; Carl C., of this review; Eric and Matilda, both



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of whom died when young; August and Emric, residents of Bent county, Colorado; Julia, who died in infancy; Amanda, of Trinidad, Colorado; and Aurora, who died in Colorado, in 1896, at the age of seventeen years. There were no children born to the father's second union.

Carl C. Olson was about five years of age when he came with his parents to the United States. He attended the schools of Boone county, and among his teachers were James Swayne and Isabelle Jenkins, who is now Mrs. Bricker, of Boone. Leaving school at the age of sixteen, he made his way to Omaha, where he worked in a barbwire factory. There an unfortunate accident befell him, for he lost his right hand in a machine. However, he did not lose courage and decided to choose another road to fortune. For five years or for nine terms he attended the Augustana College at Rock Island, Illinois, and in 1891 began teaching in Marcy township, where he remained for several years. He was connected with parochial and public schools, teaching in all thirteen terms in Boone county. After giving up his work as an instructor of the young he was in 1898 elected as recorder of Boone county and served for two terms, having also served as deputy recorder under J. S. Halliday. After he retired from office he took up the fire and life insurance business in Boone, successfully continuing along that line for two years. He then bought a half interest in The Hawkeye Laundry Company, his partner at that time being Ralph Duckwood. In 1909 he formed a partnership with G. W. Griest, an association which has since been most profitably maintained. Not only has Mr. Olson proven himself an efficient teacher and a faithful official but he has become one of the successful business men of his city, ever taking an active part in all such enterprises which will increase the prestige of the community or promote its growth.

On October 10, 1910, Carl C. Olson married Theresa Brannberg, a native of Boone county. They have one son, Carl Arnold, who was born on July 4, 1911. They are devout members of the Swedish Lutheran church, Mr. Olson having been a deacon for several years. He formerly was Sunday school superintendent and is still the leader of the choir, but owing to pressing business he had to give up the former position. Mr. Olson is thoroughly conversant with the political issues of the day and was formerly quite active in the republican party. He and his wife have many friends in Boone and stand high in the estimation of their fellow citizens. There is great credit due Mr. Olson for what he has achieved in spite of the severe handicap which befell him when he was but a boy. However, determination conquered and by sheer force of character, industry and honesty he has won for himself an enviable place in his community.

C. J. CEDERQUIST.

C. D. Cederquist is one of the successful lawyers of Boone county, practicing in Madrid. Mr. Cederquist was born in Titusville, Pennsylvania, September 28, 1874, a son of L. J. and Tekla G. Cederquist, natives of Sweden, who now reside in Titusville, Pennsylvania. They had nine children, as follows: Mrs. C. T. Carlson, Mrs. J. A. Holmberg, C. J., L. A., O. W., Mrs. Ed.

Johnson, A. E., M. O. and E. R. All these children were born and reared in Titusville and received their public-school education in that city.

C. J. Cederquist remained there until eighteen years of age, rounding out his earlier education by a high-school course which he completed with graduation. He then pursued a scientific course at Augustana College at Rock Island, Illinois, graduating in 1895, and in 1900 received his law degree from Drake University of Des Moines. For one year he was engaged in the practice of his profession in that city but then removed to Boone, where he continued until January, 1910. At that time he located in Madrid and is now associated with Mr. Harpel of Boone, the firm name being Harpel & Cederquist. They maintain offices both in Boone and Madrid and are admitted for practice in all the courts.

In 1907 Mr. Cederquist married in Boone, Iowa, Miss Clara Bork, who was born in Peoples township, Boone county. There her father, Gustav Bork, died, the family subsequently removing to Boone, where the children attended school. Mrs. Carolina Bork, who was born in Sweden, still resides there. Her four children were born in Peoples township. They are: Mary, of Boone; E. G., of Peoples township; Levi M., of Boone; and Mrs. Clara Cederquist. The last named bore her husband two children: Esther, born in Boone; and Dena, a native of Madrid.

Mr. Cederquist is a republican and deeply interested in the welfare of his party. He is thoroughly conversant with the leading issues and questions of the day and is an influential factor in local public affairs. For two terms, from 1906 to 1910, he was county attorney for Boone county and in 1912 was elected mayor of Madrid. As a lawyer Mr. Cederquist stands high in the estimation of his professional brethren and the general public. Both he and his wife are members of the Swedish Lutheran church of Boone, the work of which they helpfully sustain.

LOUIS F. FEHLEISEN.

Louis F. Fehleisen has important lumber interests at three places in Iowa, making his headquarters, however, at Boone, where he is well established in business. He is notably prompt, energetic and reliable, and he possesses in large measure the substantial quality of common sense, the lack of which is often the element that brings disaster or failure in business affairs. From a comparatively humble position in the business world, he has worked his way steadily upward, making his efforts count for the utmost and using his time and talents to the best advantage. He was born in Jasper county, Iowa, May 12, 1859, and is a son of William T. and Catherine (Ludwick) Fehleisen, the former a native of Germany and the latter of Indiana. The father came to America when about ten years of age and conducted business first as a carpenter and afterward as a contractor. For many years he resided in Newton, Iowa, and he passed away in September, 1910, having for three years survived his wife, who died in 1907. They were the parents of five children: George W., living in Madrid, this state; Bertha, whose home is in Newton, Iowa; Louis F.; Hester,

the wife of J. A. McCalment, of Tarkio, Missouri; and Esther, who died in infancy.

Louis F. Fehleisen has been an active factor in business circles since reaching the age of sixteen years. He entered the employ of his father at that time and remained with him until he attained his majority. Thinking that he needed further educational training, particularly along lines that would better equip him for the conduct of business, he went to Quincy, Illinois, where he entered the Gem City Commercial College, there pursuing the full commercial course, after which he was graduated with the class of 1881. Later he followed the carpenter's trade for a year and on the expiration of that period entered a bank in Marshalltown, Iowa, where he remained for three months. He next went to Des Moines, where he engaged in the lumber business, and afterward was connected with the lumber trade in the northwestern part of the state. In the spring of 1888 he came to Boone and with his brother established the Boone Lumber Company. In 1897, he opened a yard on Tenth and Marshall streets. The business has prospered from the beginning and as a result of his capable management, his enterprise and determination, Mr. Fehleisen is now at the head of an extensive and profitable business, which also includes yards at Ogden and at Berkley, Iowa. Today the business is conducted under the firm style of Fehleisen-Rosacker Lumber Company. He has never heedlessly passed by the opportunities which surround all, but has worked persistently and energetically in order to win the advancement that is the goal of all who enter business circles.

On the 1st of October, 1884, Mr. Fehleisen was married to Miss Sophie Achtemeier, a native of Wisconsin, and to them have been born six children: Bertha Carrie, the wife of R. L. Martin, of Boone; Minnie Catherine, at home; Vera Elizabeth; Bessie Lulie; Elmer E., who is associated with his father in business; and Ruth Edna. Mr. Fehleisen votes with the republican party and is well informed concerning the vital questions and issues of the day, but has never been an aspirant for public office. The religious faith of the family is that of the Presbyterian church, to which they loyally adhere, taking active interest in its work and contributing liberally to its support. In social circles the family is widely and favorably known, and the hospitality of the best homes of the city is cordially extended to them.

C. OSCAR HANSON.

C. Oscar Hanson, a successful and representative merchant of Beaver, handles a complete line of hardware, harness and farm implements and also deals in automobiles. His birth occurred in Bureau county, Illinois, in July, 1865, his parents being John and Matilda Hanson, natives of Sweden, who emigrated to the United States in an early day, locating in California. In that state the father prospected for gold for some time and subsequently removed to Illinois, where he purchased land and carried on farming for several years. On the expiration of that period he returned to Sweden but at the end of a year came back to this country and took up his abode in Boone county, Iowa, here purchasing a tract of land which he cultivated until 1894. He is now eighty-

three years of age and has lived retired in Boone during the past two decades. His wife has attained the age of seventy-six years. They are well known and highly esteemed throughout the community and have many friends here.

C. Oscar Hanson was reared and educated in Boone county and when fourteen years of age began learning the blacksmith's trade, working at that occupation at intervals through a period of twenty-eight years. He spent two years on the road as a representative of the International Harvester Company and for six years was engaged in the hardware and implement business at Boone in association with his brother, while for a year and a half he conducted an enterprise of that character alone. In October, 1913, he came to Beaver and purchased the hardware establishment which he is now conducting. He handles a complete line of hardware, harness and farm implements and is also a dealer in Detroit and Jackson automobiles. Mr. Hanson bought the two-story steel structure in which his business is carried on and has erected an addition thereto, occupying the building in its entirety. An extensive patronage is accorded him, and he enjoys an unassailable reputation for reliability and integrity that is indeed well merited.

In June, 1893, Mr. Hanson was united in marriage to Miss Edith Kaatz, a daughter of August and Minnie Kaatz, who were natives of Germany and emigrated to the United States in an early day. The father followed farming in Minnesota until the time of his demise in November, 1912. The mother now makes her home with our subject. Unto Mr. and Mrs. Hanson have been born six children, as follows: Marjorie, who is fifteen years of age; Opal, who is thirteen years old; Leona and Francis, who are nine and seven years of age respectively; Amford, who died in November, 1896; and Dorothy, who passed away in September, 1903.

Since age conferred upon him the right of franchise Mr. Hanson has given his political allegiance to the republican party. His religious faith is that of the Lutheran church, while fraternally he is identified with the Modern Woodmen of America, the Homesteaders, the Knights of Pythias and the Independent Order of Odd Fellows. He is a man of marked enterprise, positive character and strict integrity, and he has ever been greatly interested in the growth and prosperity of his community. His life is exemplary in many respects and he has the esteem of all his friends and the confidence of those who have had business relations with him.

JOHN W. MORGAN.

John W. Morgan, who passed away in Ogden on the 20th of October, 1913, had been a resident of Boone county for more than four decades and was long numbered among its active and successful agriculturists. His birth occurred in England on the 20th of August, 1851, his parents being William and Rebecca Morgan, who were likewise natives of that country. The father, a carpenter by trade, emigrated to the United States in an early day and located in Illinois, where he purchased land and turned his attention to agricultural pursuits. The remainder of his life was spent in the Prairie state.



MR. AND MRS. JOHN W. MORGAN

John W. Morgan was reared and educated in Illinois and after putting aside his text-books took up farming. When twenty-one years of age he came to Boone county, Iowa, purchasing and improving a tract of land in Peoples township, where he carried on general agricultural pursuits with gratifying success during the remainder of his active business career. In 1903 he took up his abode in Ogden, there living in honorable retirement until called to his final rest. He died on the 20th of October, 1913, after an illness of five weeks, and the community thus lost one of its prosperous, representative and respected citizens.

In December, 1874, Mr. Morgan was joined in wedlock to Miss Margaret Miller, a daughter of John and Sarah (Miller) Miller, both of whom were natives of York county, Pennsylvania. The father, a shoemaker by trade, came to Boone county, Iowa, in 1866, here purchasing land and engaging in farming during the remainder of his life. His demise occurred on the 2d of December, 1897, while his wife passed away on the 27th of August, 1896. Unto Mr. and Mrs. Morgan were born twelve children, as follows: Charles, who is identified with the telephone company in Ogden; Albert, a resident of Ogden; Frank, who follows farming in Boone county; Harry, who makes his home in Ogden; John, who conducts a moving picture theatre in Ogden; Myrtle, who is the wife of George Heaps, Jr., of Boone, Iowa; Ray, a barber of Ogden; Arthur, who is at home; Josephine, the wife of V. E. Soderquist, who is a member of the firm of Bass & Soderquist, clothing merchants of Ogden; Wilbur, a high-school student; Edith, who is also attending the high school; and Elmer, who was accidentally killed by a train on the 27th of March, 1905.

Mr. Morgan exercised his right of franchise in support of the men and measures of the democracy, believing firmly in the principles of that party. Fraternally he was identified with the Independent Order of Odd Fellows, while his religious faith was that of the Methodist church. His life was upright and honorable in all relations, and he enjoyed the friendship and esteem of those who knew him. Mrs. Morgan, who has now lived in Boone county for a period of forty-eight years, also has an extensive and favorable acquaintance within its borders.

ELIAS J. CARTWRIGHT.

Elias J. Cartwright is now occupying a beautiful and attractive home at No. 503 Clinton street. He was formerly closely identified with agricultural interests in Boone county and is still the owner of valuable farm property, from which he derives a substantial annual income. He was born in Coles county, Illinois, November 10, 1852, and is a son of Robert N. and Sarah (Dyer) Cartwright, the former a native of Indiana and the latter of Illinois. The father made farming his life work and in 1853 came to Boone county, settling on a farm in Worth township. There he devoted his energy to general agricultural pursuits for many years with growing success, but in 1911 sold that property and removed to Boone, where he is now living retired in the enjoyment of the fruits of his former toil. In 1913 he was called upon to mourn the loss of his wife, who died on the 17th of June of that year. They were the parents of

twelve children: Sarah, who died in infancy; Elias J.; Susan, the wife of Virgil Boone, of Worth township; Katherine, the wife of F. O. Lockard of Boone; John W., living in Payette, Idaho; Albert N., of Rockford, Washington; Andrew J., whose home is in Spokane, Washington; Clarence A., also living in Rockford; Charles W., of California; Grant R. and Harvey G., both deceased; and Daniel J., who is located at Seneca, South Dakota.

In the spring after attaining his majority, Elias J. Cartwright left home. He had been reared as a farm lad, working in the fields through the summer months and attending the public schools in the winter seasons. Desiring to start out independently, he went to California, where he engaged in ranching for about three years. On the expiration of that period, however, he returned to Boone county, where he made investment in eighty acres of land, which he at once began to cultivate and improve. As the years passed on he added to this tract from time to time until his holdings embraced three hundred acres or more in Colfax township. He carefully tilled the fields, bringing the farm to a high state of cultivation, and annually he gathered rich harvests which made his work very profitable. He had secured a handsome competence, when, in 1910, he retired from active business life and removed to Boone, purchasing his present attractive home at No. 503 Clinton street.

On the 6th of June, 1876, Mr. Cartwright was united in marriage to Miss Sarah Morgan, a native of Illinois, who came to Boone county in her childhood. Four children have been born to Mr. and Mrs. Cartwright: Robert A., who is upon the home farm; Walter W., also living in Colfax township; Lulen Cleo, deceased; and Linn Dorwin, a resident of Fowler, Colorado.

Mr. Cartwright votes with the republican party and has supported its principles since age conferred upon him the right of franchise. In 1910 he was elected to the office of supervisor and in 1912 was reelected. For twenty years he has been a trustee of Colfax township and no higher testimonial to his ability could be given than the fact that he has so long been retained in this office. He belongs to the Ancient Order of United Workmen and to the Christian church--associations which indicate much of the nature of the rules which govern his actions and control him in all of his relations with his fellowmen. He deserves much credit for what he has accomplished, for he started out in life empty-handed and has worked his way upward through the force of his character and his native and acquired ability. His life record indicates what may be accomplished when energy and determination point the way.

DAVID J. CONN.

David J. Conn, conducting a growing business as a railroad grading contractor, his home being in Boone, his native city, was born on the 17th of September, 1877, his parents being Hugh and Sarah J. (McMechan) Conn, both of whom were natives of Ireland and were of Scotch-Irish descent. The father crossed the Atlantic to the new world in 1865 and the following year made his way to Boone, where he entered the employ of the Northwestern Railroad Company. It was on the 1st of January, 1868, that the mother started for the new

world. Hugh Conn is today engaged in the coal and feed business in Boone under the firm style of Conn & Son, and theirs is one of the well known business interests of the city. The family numbered four children, three daughters and a son: Grace, now the wife of Ernest Leatham and a resident of Memphis, Tennessee; Margaret, the wife of Dr. C. A. Rhoades of Boone; David J., of this review; and Elsie, who has departed this life.

At the usual age David J. Conn began his education, which he continued in the public schools of Boone, passing through consecutive grades until graduated from the high school with the class of 1896. At the time of the Spanish-American war he volunteered for active duty as a member of Company I, Fifty-second Iowa Infantry. After being discharged from the army he entered into business with his father as a dealer in ice, but has since changed his occupation, being now engaged in taking and executing contracts for railroad grading. In this connection he has built up a business of good proportions and is leading a busy, active and useful life. He does not seek to figure prominently in any public connections, but he belongs to that class of substantial citizens whose very industry and devotion to daily duty constitute them worthy and valued residents of their community.

On the 18th of October, 1906, Mr. Conn was united in marriage to Miss Pearl L. Patterson, a native of Boone, and to them has been born a son, Richard J. H., whose birth occurred September 16, 1908. Mr. Conn votes with the republican party and is interested in all matters relating to the general welfare. The religious faith of Mr. and Mrs. Conn is that of the Presbyterian church, to the work of which they contribute both of time and means. They have been lifelong residents of Boone and have an extensive circle of warm friends here—many who have known them from childhood as well as those whose acquaintance they have formed in later years. Mr. Conn has been a witness of all the changes which have occurred in Boone and this section of the state for thirty-seven years, has rejoiced in what has been accomplished and in various ways has aided the work of further progress and development.

J. C. PETERSEN.

J. C. Petersen is a well known clothing merchant of Boone, where he is conducting business under the name of the J. C. Petersen Company. Under his guidance the business has grown to gratifying proportions and is regarded as one of the leading commercial enterprises of the city. Mr. Petersen is a native of Germany, born April 9, 1868, and is a son of Marcus and Anna (Hub) Petersen, who were also natives of the same country. The father still lives in Germany, but the mother is deceased. In their family were four children: J. C., of this review; Anna; Mathena; and Marcus.

J. C. Petersen spent the first sixteen years of his life in his native land and during that period attended its public schools. At length, bidding adieu to friends and native country, he sailed from Hamburg to New York in October, 1884, and after a brief stay in the eastern metropolis made his way westward to Iowa. In this state he turned his attention to farming and while thus employed

attended school in the winter seasons for three months, thus supplementing the knowledge that he had gained in the fatherland and acquiring a greater freedom in the use of the English language. On the expiration of that period he came to Boone and has since been identified with its commercial interests. He first accepted a clerkship in a clothing store, in which he remained until 1893. During that period he carefully saved his earnings until his industry and economy had brought him a sufficient sum to enable him to engage in business on his own account. He then organized the firm of Petersen & Samson and the business was continued in that connection until the 11th of July, 1897, when the junior partner died. The senior member of the firm then carried on the business under his own name until 1902, when he formed a stock company known as the J. C. Petersen Company, admitting three employes, F. O. Schmidt, Emanuel Guther and Andrew Anderson, to a partnership and thus rewarding them for their faithful and loyal service. They have a large and well appointed store, carry an attractive line of clothing and men's furnishings and as the years have gone by they have increased their business as the result of their honorable methods, their enterprising spirit and their close application. The brick building occupied by the J. C. Petersen Company is the property of the senior member of the firm, who owns other real estate in the city, which constitutes the tangible evidence of his life of well directed energy and thrift. He also conducts a similar store in Fort Dodge.

On the 5th of May, 1880, Mr. Petersen was united in marriage to Miss Anna Ick, a native of Germany, and they have become parents of six children, Mary, Anna, Marcus, Albert, Harry and Christ. In his political views Mr. Petersen is a democrat, but has never sought nor desired political office. He has served, however, as a member of the school board, and the cause of education finds in him a stalwart friend. He belongs to the Masonic fraternity, holds membership with the Improved Order of Red Men and his religious faith is evidenced in his membership in the German Lutheran church. To all these organizations he is most loyal, and it is a well known fact that Mr. Petersen is ever faithful to a trust reposed in him whether of a public or a private nature. He deserves much credit for what he has accomplished, for he came to America empty-handed when a youth of sixteen and has worked his way steadily upward to his present position of affluence. His business methods are such as neither seek nor require disguise, and in every relation of life he has commanded the good-will and confidence of his fellow men.

JACOB M. CARLSON.

Since 1908, Jacob M. Carlson has been the county supervisor for Douglas township. He rendered such distinguished service in his first term that he was reelected and is now closing his second term to the entire satisfaction of his constituency. Mr. Carlson was connected with various business interests in Madrid, particularly the grain and mercantile business. He now, however, gives most of his attention to his official position. His parents were Carl J. and Bertha (Nelson) Johnson-Carlson, natives of Sweden, who both died in that country,

the former reaching the venerable age of ninety-three years. They had seven children: Adolph, Nels, Mrs. Anna Schenader, Peter and Charles, of Hamilton county, Iowa; Gustav, of South Dakota; and Jacob M., of this review. All were born and educated in Sweden.

Jacob M. Carlson was born in Ostergotland, Sweden, November 9, 1858. He came to America when about twenty years of age, in 1878, and located at Swede Point, Boone county, Iowa. For six months he worked as a farm hand in Garden township and then accepted a position as clerk in the general merchandise business of William Johnson, of Madrid, with whom he continued for two years. At the end of that time he was employed for a year by M. J. Sellen. Having gained in experience and having mastered the language, he then engaged in the grocery business in partnership with George W. Briggs, under the firm name of Briggs & Carlson, but sold out to Mr. Briggs in 1885. In that year he entered the service of Crary Brothers of Boone, for whom he conducted a hardware store in Madrid. In 1887 Mr. Carlson purchased what is now known as the Watt Webb farm in Douglas township and operated this farm. He bought and sold grain at the same time, making his business headquarters at Wheeler's switch. He secured from the railroad a flag station at this place, which greatly facilitated the shipping end of the business, and also bought grain for the McFarland Elevator Company, thus continuing for three years. He then sold his farm to Fred Johnson and removed to Madrid, where in 1892, with John A. Johnson, he entered the mercantile business. They built in conjunction the brick block where Johnson & Johnson have their present general merchandise business. Upon the dissolution of the partnership Mr. Johnson retained the store building and Mr. Carlson received the stock of goods. Buying the Crary Brothers' brick building, he removed his goods there and successfully conducted his store until 1908, when he sold his stock to E. O. Kinsey, who at present is at the head of that business. In all his undertakings Mr. Carlson proved himself an able and honest merchant. He was successful because he had executive ability, a capacity for detail and because the underlying qualities of his character are above reproach. In November, 1908, Mr. Carlson was elected to the county board of supervisors and now his second term of office is drawing to its close. He has always championed the people's interests and has secured many advantages for his constituency.

On December 19, 1880, Jacob M. Carlson was married at Swede Point (Madrid) to Miss Tilda Sell, who was born in Sweden, August 2, 1862. She came with her parents to America in 1870, the family locating in Rockford, Illinois. Her father, C. G. Sell, was also a native of Sweden and was a carpenter by trade. He came to Boone county in 1871 and located on a farm west of Madrid, passing away in that city, February 9, 1899. Mrs. Carlson's mother, Johanna (Johnson) Sell, was born in Sweden and died in Madrid in July, 1913. They had seven children, of whom three are living, namely: Mrs. Tilda Carlson; Mrs. Hulda Hoover, of Madrid; and Mrs. Nellie Erickson, also of that city. The four eldest, Sophia, Carolina, Louise and Charles, are deceased. All were born in Sweden with the exception of Mrs. Erickson, who is a native of Boone county. Mr. and Mrs. Carlson have five children, who were born in Madrid and reared there. They all graduated from the Madrid high school. They are: E. C., now a traveling salesman for the Washburn-Crosby Milling Company of

Minneapolis, residing in Madrid; Harry Robert, born February 8, 1844, who is engaged in the general merchandise business in Madrid; Clarence, born October 2, 1886, assistant cashier in the Farmers Savings Bank of Madrid; William Arthur, born May 5, 1889, a clerk in E. Hancock's clothing store in Madrid; and Anna Sell Dora, born December 19, 1891, who resides with her parents.

Jacob M. Carlson is a republican and loyal to the standards of that party. He has been a member of the town council of Madrid, rendering valuable service, and as county supervisor continues his record as an efficient official. Mrs. Carlson is a member of the Swedish Mission church of Madrid, while Mr. Carlson belongs to Star Lodge, No. 115, A. F. & A. M., and the local lodges of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows, the Knights of Pythias and the Modern Woodmen of America. He has held various fraternal offices. Mr. Carlson owns several tracts of real estate in Douglass township and has personal and business property in Madrid. He has acquired a competency because he is industrious, energetic and thrifty. His well furnished home is the meeting place of his many friends, who often enjoy the hospitality of Mr. and Mrs. Carlson.

JAMES H. NOYES, M. D.

The life record of Dr. James H. Noyes spans seventy-nine years and it is hoped by his many friends that it will continue for many years to come, for he is one of Boone county's most valued and respected citizens. For a half century he engaged in the practice of medicine, from which at the present time he has practically retired. However, he is president of the Ogden State Bank and is a stockholder in other business enterprises. There is an old age which grows stronger and brighter mentally and morally as the years go by and gives out of its rich store of wisdom and experience for the benefit of others. Such is the record of Dr. Noyes of Ogden. A native of Massachusetts, he was born in Gardner, July 20, 1835, and is a son of Henry J. and Jane L. (Gates) Noyes, also natives of Massachusetts. The father was a chair manufacturer in that state and there passed away in 1872, his wife surviving him until 1879.

Dr. Noyes pursued his early education in the public schools of his native city and afterward entered Appleton Academy at New Ipswich, New Hampshire, where he remained three and one-half years. He next became a student in Burr Seminary in Vermont, where he pursued a short course. Later he took up the study of medicine, to which he devoted four years, completing his medical course at Columbia College, New York, where he was graduated with the class of 1860. He then began practice at Nashua, New Hampshire, where he remained until the outbreak of the Civil war, when, on the 6th of May, 1861, he joined the Sixth New Hampshire Volunteer Infantry, of which he was commissioned assistant surgeon. He went to Washington and was attached to the Army of the Potomac, serving under Generals Burnside, McClellan and Grant. He was advanced to the position of surgeon of the Sixth New Hampshire, with which he was on active duty until after the close of hostilities, or for about five years. He was in practically all of the engagements in which his command par-



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anticipated, including the first and second battles of Bull Run; Roanoke Island; Camden, North Carolina; Vicksburg, Mississippi; the siege of Petersburg and others, being present at the time of the surrender of General Lee at Appomattox.

It was in December, 1865, that Dr. Noyes came to Iowa settling first in Cedar county, where he engaged in practice until 1867. He then came to Ogden, Boone county, where he practiced for many years, devoting a half century of his life to his chosen calling before he retired from professional activity. He was the first physician to arrive in Ogden and is the oldest living practitioner in his part of the state. On the establishment of the Eleanor Moore Hospital at Boone he became one of the trustees and has so continued to the present time. While in active practice he always kept in touch with the advanced thought of the day, reading broadly, thinking deeply and utilizing his knowledge in a splendid effort to alleviate human suffering and restore health. That his efforts were attended with a gratifying measure of success is indicated in the large practice which was always accorded him up to the time of his retirement. He is a member of the Boone County Medical Society, of which he has served as president, has also been president of the Boone District Medical Society, comprising several counties, and is a member of the Iowa State Medical Society and the American Medical Association.

In addition to his practice Dr. Noyes became interested in business affairs of Ogden and is now president of the Ogden State Bank, which was reorganized from a private bank into a state institution in 1899, since which time Dr. Noyes has been connected with it. The other officers are: Orson Clark, vice president; S. P. Clark, cashier; and W. D. Kruse, assistant cashier. The bank is capitalized for twenty-five thousand dollars. The company owns the building which it occupies, which is of the very latest type of bank construction, splendidly equipped with furnishings, vaults, safety deposit boxes, etc. This is the oldest state bank in the county and its patronage is well merited. Dr. Noyes is also a stockholder of the Boone Brick & Tile Company, is interested in business property in Ogden and owns several farms in the northern part of the state, all of which he has improved. He has a country home in Hancock county, Iowa, which is one of the best developed in the county and well stocked with horses and cattle of high grade.

On the 31st of May, 1866, Dr. Noyes was united in marriage to Miss Sarah F. Stone, a daughter of Naham and Caroline M. (Graves) Stone, natives of New Hampshire. Three children were born unto Dr. and Mrs. Noyes: Mary S., now the wife of William R. Shurtz, of Boone; Josiah G., who died in 1870; and Helen, who died in infancy. The wife and mother passed away February 27, 1913, after an illness of but two days.

Dr. Noyes has taken a very active, prominent and helpful part in public affairs. He served as mayor of Ogden for nearly twenty years. After a three months' incumbency of another in that position he was called to the office, and no higher testimonial of his capability, fidelity and trustworthiness can be given than the fact that he was again and again reelected to the position. For nearly twenty years he has been pension examiner, holding the office at the present time. He gave to the city a beautiful clock, which is placed on the Ogden State Bank building. Many tangible evidences of his public spirit may be cited, indicating his deep interest in the general welfare. He is the only living charter member

now connected with Rhodes Lodge, No. 303, A. F. & A. M., which at the present writing has a membership of eighty. He is also connected with the Eastern Star and with the Grand Army of the Republic. None has been more active in support of Masonry in Boone county than Dr. Noyes, who was master and secretary of his lodge for nearly twenty years, a record of which he has every reason to be proud, for it indicates his exemplification of the high principles of the fraternity, a fraternity which is based upon mutual helpfulness and brotherly kindness. He believes firmly in the principles of the order and has done everything in his power to secure their adoption. He is frequently called upon to deliver addresses on the occasion of Memorial Day celebrations and upon other public occasions. His political allegiance has always been given to the republican party since its organization. He attained the right of franchise about the time the party sprang into existence and he has been an interested witness of its progress and the manner in which vital political situations have been handled.

His religious faith is that of the Methodist church. He was a member of the first board of trustees and was thus active in the building of the church. Mrs. Noyes was, too, a faithful and active member of the Methodist church and was long a teacher in the Sunday school. Before her marriage she was a teacher in the public schools, for which vocation she was fitted in Washington, D. C. Like her husband, her interests were broad and her activities helpful. She manifested special interest in connection with the welfare of children and furthered many progressive movements along that line. At the time of her death she was president of the Glenwood Cemetery Association, which position she had occupied fifteen or more years. At all times she was a most womanly woman, beloved and respected by all who knew her, so that her death was the occasion of deep and widespread regret. Dr. Noyes shared in her interests in the various movements for the benefit of mankind. A review of his life displays many characteristics worthy of emulation, not the least of which has been his unfaltering loyalty to the best interests of his community, his close conformity to a high standard of professional ethics and his personal integrity and honor. No man enjoys more fully or merits more sincerely the regard and good-will of all with whom he has come in contact.

JAMES WHITCOMB McINTOSH.

An active, busy and useful life has brought James Whitcomb McIntosh to a point where he can put aside active business cares and live retired in the enjoyment of the fruits of his former toil. Gradually he has advanced step by step, connected at different times with commercial and industrial interests and also with official duties in behalf of the county. He was born in Putnam county, Indiana, December 30, 1844, and is a son of William and Emily (Parker) McIntosh. The mother was a native of Oldham county, Kentucky, while the father was born in Harrison county, Indiana. He made farming his life work and in pioneer days came to Iowa, settling just west of Boone in October, 1851. He found here a little village with but limited business activity, and he lived to see notable changes as the years went on. He was at all times deeply interested

in the welfare and upbuilding of the community and to the extent of his opportunities cooperated in the work of public progress. He had for forty-four years been a resident of Boone when he passed away in 1895. His wife, surviving him for a decade, died in 1905. In their family were five children: Alma, who is now the widow of Wright Harris and makes her home in Auburn, Nebraska; James Whitcomb, of this review; Mary Francis, who is living in Boone; Clinton DeWitt, who died in early manhood; and Nancy E., a resident of Boone county.

James W. McIntosh was but seven years of age when brought by his parents to Iowa and has since lived in Boone county, with the interests of which he has been thoroughly identified as time has passed on. In his youth he was surrounded by the conditions and environments of pioneer life. He pursued his early education in the district schools and afterward spent a year and a half as a student in Oskaloosa College at Oskaloosa, Iowa. He next entered Bryant & Stratton's Business College at Chicago, there pursuing a commercial course, after which he returned to Boone and for some time was connected with mercantile interests. For three years he engaged in the grocery business and subsequently became associated with the lumber trade, remaining as manager of the Farmer Lumber Company for about three years. He was then called to public office in his appointment to the position of deputy auditor, in which capacity he served for six years. He next engaged in the grain business, buying and shipping with the McFarlin Grain Company of Des Moines for sixteen years, and during that time he also spent three years as agent for the Des Moines & Northern Railroad Company. He ever displayed close application, unfaltering energy and determination, and those qualities constituted the salient features in the attainment of the success which now enables him to live retired and enjoy the comforts of life without further recourse to labor.

On the 9th of May, 1867, Mr. McIntosh was united in marriage to Miss Josephine Ketchum, a daughter of Daniel C. and Cordelia (Cummings) Ketchum, who were natives of Massachusetts and in 1864 arrived in Boone. The father was a watchmaker and jeweler by trade and conducted business along those lines in this city. His life's labors were ended in death on the 24th of December, 1909, and his wife passed away in April, 1906. Their daughter, Mrs. McIntosh, was their only child, and by her marriage she has become the mother of four children: Emily Cordelia, who died in childhood; Maud, the wife of S. A. Boone, living in the city of Boone; Sibyl, who also passed away in childhood; and James Lawrence, a resident of Oklahoma City.

Mr. McIntosh has long given his unfaltering political support to the democratic party, and has served as a member of the city council, exercising his official prerogatives in support of many measures for the general good. He belongs to the Masonic fraternity and has filled all of the offices in the local lodge, while in his life he exemplifies the beneficent spirit of the craft. An interesting point in the life record of Mr. McIntosh is the fact that in 1854 he was called upon to read the Declaration of Independence at the 4th of July celebration and again, a half century later, he was called upon for the same service in connection with the pioneer celebration. He is today one of the oldest residents of Boone county in years of continuous connection therewith, having for sixty-three years made his home in this county. His life, ever honor-

able and upright in its purposes and manly and sincere in action, has won for him the high regard of young and old, rich and poor. He is an authority upon many matters connected with the early history of the county, and events of which others know only by hearsay he has witnessed. He has lived to see remarkable changes, as the district has become thickly settled by a prosperous and contented people, who have converted wild land into productive farms or established enterprising commercial and industrial interests, that have resulted in the upbuilding of growing and progressive towns and cities.

WILLIAM PAULSON.

An excellent farm of one hundred acres on section 16, Amaqua township, is the property of William Paulson and the improvements found thereon are evidences of his life of well directed energy and thrift. Today his is one of the finest improved farms in the county. He has always lived in this section of the state, his birth having occurred in Boone, January 20, 1875. His parents, George and Anna (Cook) Paulson, were natives of Germany and on coming to America established their home in Boone about the year 1871. The father engaged in teaming and also worked in the brewery for some time, but afterward turned his attention to general agricultural pursuits, renting a tract of land whereon he engaged in farming. He operated his first place until 1887 and then purchased one hundred and fifty acres in Amaqua township. Prosperity attended him in this venture and as his financial resources increased he added to his property from time to time until he now owns two hundred and ninety acres on sections 9 and 16. He improved this place in notable manner, erecting two sets of buildings, adding all modern equipments and securing the latest improved machinery to facilitate the work of the fields. He continued to operate the farm until 1904, when he lost his wife in death, and then retired. He is still residing on the old home place with his son at the age of sixty-nine years. His wife was sixty-three years of age when she passed away.

William Paulson was reared and educated in Amaqua township, the public schools affording him his educational privileges. His training at farm work was thorough and brought to him a knowledge of the value of industry, economy and determination. He remained with his parents until he reached the age of twenty-three years and then purchased his present farm, becoming owner of one hundred acres on section 16, Amaqua township. With characteristic energy he took up the task of developing the place and today has one of the finest improved farms in the county. His home is an attractive residence, commodious and of modern style of architecture. There are good buildings for the shelter of grain and stock, and everything about the place indicates his careful supervision and progressive methods. Stock-raising is a leading feature of his place, and he makes a specialty of handling thoroughbred Hereford cattle, Belgian horses and Chester White hogs.

In September, 1897, Mr. Paulson was united in marriage to Miss Anna Bielfeldt, a daughter of Henning and Catherine (Peters) Bielfeldt, who were natives of Germany and on coming to America in 1866 settled in Clinton, Iowa. The

following year they removed to Boone county, where Mr. Bielfeldt purchased land in Amaqua township, which he improved and cultivated until 1898. He then retired from active farm life and established his home in Ogden, where he resided until his death, which occurred March 27, 1908, when he was sixty-eight years of age. His widow survives and now makes her home with Mr. and Mrs. Paulson at the age of seventy-two years. Three children have been born to Mr. and Mrs. Paulson: Edward, sixteen years of age; and Wesley and Leslie, twins, aged fourteen.

The religious faith of the family is that of the German Lutheran church and they are interested in all that tends to promote the moral as well as the material progress of the community. In his political views Mr. Paulson is an earnest republican, well versed on the questions and issues of the day, and he is now serving for his fourth term, or eight years, as assessor of Amaqua township, the duties of which he has ever discharged with promptness and fidelity, his official career reflecting credit upon himself and proving entirely satisfactory to his constituents. As one of the native sons of Boone county he is well known, having spent his entire life, covering thirty-nine years, within its borders.

JOHN HENRY EADE.

John Henry Eade, secretary and treasurer of the Boone Blank Book Company, is thus closely associated with one of the important business enterprises of Boone. Moreover, he is a recognized leader in the ranks of the republican party and has been called to several local offices, the duties of which he has discharged with promptness and fidelity. He was born in Linden, Iowa county, Wisconsin, October 29, 1865, and is a son of Nicholas and Josephine (Heathcock) Eade, both of whom were natives of England. The father came to America as a young man of eighteen years, devoting his life to the occupation of mining gold. He traveled all over the United States, British Columbia and South America in that connection. In 1875 he came to Boone county, and his last days were spent in Ogden, Iowa, where he passed away on the 1st of June, 1886. His widow survives and now makes her home in Des Moines. They were the parents of five children, two daughters and three sons: Ida M., who is with her mother in Des Moines; John Henry, of this review; Mary A., the wife of C. J. Engle, also of Des Moines; Joseph W., deceased; and William J., whose home is in Newark, Ohio.

John Henry Eade completed his education in the high school at Ogden, Iowa, when eighteen years of age. He was a lad of nine years when brought by his parents to Iowa and has since made his home in this state. He was engaged in mercantile lines for about nine years after putting aside his text-books and then entered the field of real estate and insurance, in which he spent about three years. He next became deputy clerk of the district court, which office he filled for three years, and on the expiration of that period he was elected in 1900 clerk of the court for a term of four years. He proved prompt, capable and efficient in the position and retired from the office as he had entered it—with the confidence and good-will of all concerned. He was afterward connected

with the Boone Blank Book Company for five years and then opened a book store, in which he spent a year and a half. He then merged his interests into the business of the Boone Blank Book Company and has since then been identified with that corporation, acting as manager, secretary and treasurer. In these connections he is largely controlling the interests of the business and is giving proof of his capability to meet and manage complex conditions and coordinate forces into a unified and resultant whole.

Mr. Eade has been married twice. On the 13th of August, 1890, he wedded Harriett R. Burnside, and after a happy married life of about eight years she passed away July 13, 1898, leaving a daughter, Lilah, who is now the wife of E. T. Beiser, of Boone. On the 29th of July, 1904, Mr. Eade was united in marriage to Miss Lulu B. Wagner, a native of Crawford county, Iowa. Mr. and Mrs. Eade hold membership in the Methodist church, and he belongs also to the Knights of Pythias lodge. He has voted with the republican party since age conferred upon him the right of franchise and is thoroughly conversant with the principal features which divide the great political organizations. He is never remiss in the duties of citizenship, whether of a local or national character, and during his residence in Boone has contributed to various movements and measures which have been of notable worth and value as factors in the upbuilding of the city.

P. D. GRAY.

P. D. Gray, a leading and prosperous citizen of Boone county, has here resided for more than four decades and is now living retired in Beaver. His birth occurred in Maryland on the 27th of June, 1843, his parents being Peter and Elizabeth (Chester) Gray, who were likewise natives of that state. The father, who devoted his attention to general agricultural pursuits in Maryland throughout his active business career, passed away in that state in 1881. The mother was called to her final rest in the year 1852.

P. D. Gray was reared and educated in the state of his nativity and was a young man of nineteen when on the 22d of August, 1862, he enlisted for service in the Civil war as a member of Company F, Third Maryland Infantry, continuing with that command until the cessation of hostilities between the north and the south. For a period of seven and a half months he was held a prisoner at Danville, Virginia.

After returning to Maryland Mr. Gray there worked as a blacksmith for two years and on the expiration of that period removed to Ogle county, Illinois, where he worked at his trade for a short time. Subsequently he was there employed as a farm hand for three years and then followed farming on his own account for one year. At the end of that time he made his way to Iowa, locating in Story county, where he was engaged in agricultural pursuits for one year and then came to Boone county. Here he continued in the service of the Chicago & Northwestern Railway for about seven years and afterward again turned his attention to agricultural pursuits, purchasing land at six dollars per acre. He followed farming successfully for about eleven years and was then obliged to abandon the work of the fields because of impaired health, taking up



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his abode in Beaver, where he has resided continuously since and where he owns considerable property. He is now spending the evening of life in honorable retirement, having accumulated a comfortable competence during former years of toil.

On the 1st of January, 1868, Mr. Gray was joined in wedlock to Miss Mary E. Bowers, a daughter of David and Nancy A. (Reynold) Bowers, who were natives of Maryland. The father, who spent his entire life in that state, passed away in 1868, while the mother was called to her final rest in July, 1902, when ninety-two years of age. Mr. and Mrs. Gray became the parents of twelve children, as follows: Orphia J., who is the wife of C. S. Powers, of Moulton, Iowa; Edward E., a resident of Bruno, Minnesota; John H., living in Ohio; N. Anna, who is the wife of John Sifrit, of Beaver, this county; Charles, who makes his home in California; Frank L., whose demise occurred in 1878; Daniel A., a resident of Des Moines, Iowa; Cynthia A., twin sister of Daniel, who is the wife of Calvin Shadle, a farmer of Boone county; Mary E., who gave her hand in marriage to George Stubbs, of Ogden, Iowa; Blaine E.; Arthur W., at home; and Elsie M., the wife of Fred Harten, a farmer of Boone county.

Mr. Gray is a republican in politics and his fellow townsmen, recognizing his worth and ability, have chosen him for positions of public trust. He has held the offices of notary public, justice of the peace, trustee, assessor and road supervisor of Amaqua township and in these various connections has discharged his duties capably and commendably. He likewise served as postmaster for two terms, proving an efficient and popular incumbent in the position. Mr. Gray is identified fraternally with the Ancient Order of United Workmen and still maintains pleasant relations with his old army comrades through his membership in the Grand Army of the Republic. His religious faith is that of the Methodist church. He has always been interested in the development of the community and has supported all movements calculated to advance the welfare of its citizens. His practical ideas and progressive methods, as manifested in the discharge of his duties in both public and private life, no less than his sterling qualities of character, have won him the esteem and high regard of many.

CHARLES H. WILLIAMS.

Charles H. Williams is not only a successful agriculturist of Marcy township, but for a number of years was connected with business affairs, dealing in grain, live stock and implements in Ogden. He was born in Wisconsin on July 13, 1861, and is a son of John T. S. and Jane Williams, who are mentioned elsewhere in this work.

Mr. Williams of this review attended school in Wisconsin, completing his education in Boone county. He remained on his father's farm until the latter engaged in the mercantile business, when Charles Williams became a clerk for him, continuing so for about eight months. At the end of that time he went to Mitchell, South Dakota, where he remained a year, after which he returned, farming the old home place in association with his brother. He then moved onto eighty acres which his father gave him and which are situated on section

18, Marcy township. He gave his sole attention to improving this place and has operated the same ever since, having transformed it into one of the most lucrative agricultural properties of the neighborhood. In 1904 he engaged in the implement, grain and live-stock business in Ogden in partnership with Nylander Brothers, the firm being known as Nylander Brothers & Williams. They continued for about eight years, when they liquidated their business. Mr. Williams has since given his sole time to his farm, which stands as evidence of his incessant industry and his enterprise. He today not only enjoys the distinction of owning one of the most profitable farms of Marcy township, but he must be numbered among those men who are forces in the development of their district.

On September 9, 1885, Charles H. Williams married Miss Delia Bennett, a daughter of John and Nanny (Crane) Bennett, natives of England. The parents came to America many years ago and in the '40s located in Wisconsin. During the gold excitement Mr. Bennett made for the Golden state and during the wild years of the gold fever was killed there. His widow survived him many years, passing away August 1, 1907. Mr. and Mrs. Williams have three children: Olive M., the wife of Al Berglund, residents of Boone; Lillian Fern, aged fifteen; and Margaret L., who is thirteen. Mr. Williams has always taken a laudable interest in educational matters and at present is president of the school board. His political allegiance is given to the democratic party, and his religious faith is that of the Methodist church. Along agricultural lines he specializes in cattle-raising and markets about a carload of cattle yearly. He is a valuable and useful citizen and has contributed his full share toward that development which has brought prosperity to Iowa.

OTTO HILE.

Boone has been signally favored in the class of men who have occupied her offices, for on the whole they have been public-spirited citizens, loyal to the interests intrusted to their care and faithful in the discharge of their duties. To this class belongs Otto Hile, who is now serving for the ninth year as city clerk, having made a splendid record in the position. He was born at Cedar Rapids, Iowa, August 23, 1864, and is a son of Henry and Barbara (Otterbein) Hile. The father became one of the pioneer grocers of Boone, to which city he removed in the fall of 1865. For a considerable period he was connected with commercial activity here and was regarded as one of the progressive and representative business men. Both he and his wife are now deceased. In their family were but two children, the daughter being Miss Kate Hile, of Boone.

The son, Otto Hile, was a pupil in the public schools of Boone, where he has made his home from infancy. He also pursued a business course at Burlington, Iowa, and upon his return joined his father in the grocery business, remaining with him until the father's death. Otto Hile afterward continued the business alone until April, 1898. Subsequently he was connected with other mercantile lines as salesman until 1905, when he was appointed city clerk by the city council

and has since continued in that position, making a most creditable record in the office.

In July, 1896, Mr. Hile was united in marriage to Miss Emma Coleman, a native of Omaha, Nebraska, and to them have been born two children, Ruth and Frances. Mr. Hile is independent in his political views, supporting men and measures rather than party and voting as his judgment dictates without regard to party ties. There is an interesting military chapter in his life record, for in 1886 he joined the Iowa National Guard, with which he was connected until after the Spanish-American war. Offering his services to his country for active duty in the war with Spain, he was mustered in on the 26th of April, 1898, as major of the Fifty-second Iowa Volunteer Infantry, and remained with that command until mustered out in the following October. Mr. Hile's life has at all time been honorable and upright, commanding for him the confidence and goodwill of all with whom he has been brought in contact. No higher testimonial of his capability in office could be given than the fact that he has been so long retained in this position. He is systematic and methodical in the work of the office, prompt and painstaking, and his loyalty to the best interests of the community both as an office-holder and as a private citizen is widely recognized.

H. RAY AKERS.

H. Ray Akers is one of the younger generation of shrewd and able business men of Ogden, Iowa, where he represents the W. F. Priebe Company, who are engaged in the poultry, butter, egg and cream business, the firm maintaining headquarters in Chicago. Mr. Akers is the Ogden manager and as such is widely and favorably known in business and agricultural circles. He is a native of Ogden, born August 1, 1883, and a son of E. E. and Emma (Enfield) Akers. The father was born in Fulton county, Pennsylvania, April 11, 1858, and was a son of Charles and Margaret (Hill) Akers, also natives of the Keystone state. Charles Akers followed agricultural pursuits in Pennsylvania and upon coming to Boone county, Iowa, in 1868 bought land which he cultivated throughout the remainder of his life. His wife had passed away before he left their native state.

Their son E. E. Akers was but ten years of age when his parents removed to Boone county and was therefore principally educated in Iowa. Upon leaving school he turned his attention to the painting and paper-hanging trade, which he followed during practically all of his life, with the exception of two years in which he was engaged in farming in Hancock county, where he owned property. Mr. Akers died November 27, 1905, when but forty-seven years of age, his demise causing sincere sorrow to his many friends. On April 11, 1882, he was married to Miss Emma Enfield, a daughter of Samuel and Harriett (Vanarsdale) Enfield, who were born in Indiana and came to Boone county, Iowa, in 1861. There Mr. Enfield acquired title to land which he operated until his death. His wife has also passed away. Mr. and Mrs. E. E. Akers had seven children: H. Ray; Mabel, deceased; Ethel, who married Frank Taggart, of Spokane, Washington; and Bessie, Edith, Carl and Merle, all at home. The father gave his political

allegiance to the republican party and in his religious faith was a Methodist. He gave his hearty support to public enterprises and always took an interest in the upbuilding of his community.

H. Ray Akers was reared under the parental roof and in the acquirement of his education attended the public schools, graduating from the Ogden high school with the class of 1902. He then learned the trade of a painter and paper-hanger with his father and successfully continued in that line of business until 1912, when he accepted the position of manager for the W. F. Priebe Company of Chicago. This firm is extensively engaged in the poultry, butter, egg and cream business and Mr. Akers occupies an important position in business circles of Ogden, where he has entire charge of the affairs of his firm. Their business is entirely wholesale.

On April 23, 1906, Mr. Akers was united in marriage to Miss Esther Danielson, a daughter of Charles and Hulda Danielson, who were born in Sweden and upon coming to America located in Boone county, Iowa. In an early day her father was engaged in farming in Cass township, operating land until his recent retirement from active labor, when he removed to Madrid. Mr. and Mrs. Akers have two children: Maxine, aged six years; and Kenneth, aged four.

Mr. Akers gives his political support to the same party as did his father, being a staunch republican. However, he is not an office seeker but gives his undivided attention to his business affairs, although he takes a lively interest in public enterprises and is ever ready to materially support measures which will prove of benefit to his community. By his business activities he has stimulated trade and he has made himself a valuable factor in commercial life of Ogden. His religious adherence is given to the Methodist church and he is interested in its work and in its various branches of activity. Yet a young man, Mr. Akers has already made for himself a substantial position in life and continued success may be safely prophesied for him.

BENJAMIN M. DAWKINS.

Benjamin M. Dawkins, now in his eightieth year, is living retired in Boone, residing in the home of L. W. Johnson on Twenty-second street. Always a resident of the middle west, he has lived to witness remarkable changes, for in the period of his boyhood Indians were not far from his home and there were great stretches of uncut forests and unbroken prairies throughout the middle Mississippi valley.

Mr. Dawkins was born in Oldham county, Kentucky, January 26, 1835, a son of Johnson and Mary (Ransdell) Dawkins. The grandfather, William Dawkins, was from Virginia and removed to Henry county, Kentucky, where Johnson Dawkins spent the period of his youth. In 1854 he removed to Tippecanoe county, Indiana, and in the fall of 1856 arrived in Boonesboro, Iowa. At that time there was only one building in what is now the city of Boone. He had purchased one hundred and sixty acres of land near Ridgeport in Dodge township and upon that place established his family in 1856. His wife had died in



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Kentucky, but he brought with him his two sons and two daughters, these being Mrs. Felicia Dorcas Pollard, Mary J., Thomas and Benjamin M. The last named is the only one now living. Other sons and daughters of the family were: John R., who died in early manhood; Lucy; and Elizabeth. The father afterward spent some time in Madison county, Iowa, and died in Boone county in August, 1879, his funeral services being held on the 6th of that month. He was a farmer and stockman who successfully conducted business. He also improved land in Madison county and was a well known and highly respected citizen.

Benjamin M. Dawkins was reared in Kentucky and in Indiana, to which state the family removed during his early boyhood. He attended school in both Indiana and in Iowa. Reared upon the frontier, he also had the experiences of pioneer life in this state. He assisted in the arduous task of developing a new farm and continued to engage in general agricultural pursuits until about 1875. He then established a drug store at Ridgeport, which he conducted with growing success for twenty-eight years, or until 1903, when he sold out and has since lived practically retired. His was a well appointed store and his honorable dealing won for him a liberal patronage that made his income a gratifying one. He now has some coal interests in Colorado and at different times has owned small farms in this section of the state.

In his political views Mr. Dawkins is a democrat, giving stalwart support to that party since age conferred upon him the right of franchise. He served for four years, from 1868 until 1872, as supervisor of Boone and has also been township trustee. He belongs to the Methodist Episcopal church of Ridgeport and is well known in the county where he has so long made his home. There have been no spectacular events in his life history, but faithful performance of duty and diligence in business have gained him a comfortable competency and he is now able to live retired, enjoying the fruits of his former toil.

THOMAS J. BURDICK.

Thomas J. Burdick, a representative of industrial interests in Beaver, is engaged in business as a wagon maker and has long been numbered among the substantial and esteemed citizens of the community. His birth occurred in New York on the 15th of January, 1838, his parents being Thomas E. and Susan (Dibble) Burdick, who were likewise natives of the Empire state. The father who devoted his attention to general agricultural pursuits throughout his active business career, passed away in New York, in 1842, at the age of forty-seven years. The mother was called to her final rest in 1898.

In the acquirement of an education Thomas J. Burdick attended the schools of New York, Pennsylvania and Illinois. He left the state of his nativity when twelve years of age and as soon as he became old enough turned his attention to agricultural pursuits, operating a farm in Illinois for a number of years. In that state he likewise worked at the wagon maker's trade. He came to Boone county, Iowa, in 1875, purchasing a farm in Amaqua township which he operated successfully until 1892. In that year he removed to Glidden, Carroll county,

and was there engaged in business as a wagon maker until 1909, when he returned to Boone county and purchased property at Beaver. Here he has continued as a wagon maker to the present time, enjoying an extensive patronage in that connection which is accorded him in recognition of his splendid workmanship and reliable business methods. He still owns an eighty-acre tract in Amaqua township.

Mr. Burdick has been married twice. In 1863 he wedded Miss Helen Hinman, who was a daughter of Stephen Hinman and passed away after two weeks' illness, in 1865. Two years later he was again married, his second union being with Mrs. Elizabeth (Chappel) Hinman, a daughter of John and Mary Chappel. Unto them was born one child, Mary H., who is the wife of George Tuttle, an agriculturist of Boone county.

In his political views Mr. Burdick is a republican, loyally supporting the men and measures of that party. His religious faith is that of the Presbyterian church. He has now passed the seventy-sixth milestone on life's journey and enjoys the respect and veneration which should ever be accorded one who has traveled thus far on this earthly pilgrimage and whose career has been at all times upright and honorable.

G. A. SANDBERG.

G. A. Sandberg is successfully engaged in the conduct of a blacksmith shop and the manufacture of wagons in Madrid. Although his early educational opportunities were limited, he is a well informed man, as he has been a lifelong student, and today he is conversant with all issues and questions that affect the welfare of the nation. Mr. Sandberg is a close observer and has derived much of his knowledge from travel. He also studies all public questions intelligently and cannot be confused on any of the political and moral controversies that arise. Moreover, Mr. Sandberg is a most successful business man who combines the sturdy qualities of his native race with the aggressiveness of the American business man.

G. A. Sandberg was born in Sweden, October 13, 1853, and received his schooling in that country. His parents were Carl F. and Louisa Catharina Sandberg, natives of Sweden, who are now deceased. They had the following children, all born in Sweden: G. A., of this review; Mrs. Sophia Anderson; Bernard, a resident of Des Moines, Iowa; Mrs. Matilda Lock, also of that city; Mrs. Emily Reiberg and Andrew, both of Sweden; John, deceased; Mrs. Bertha Falk, who also resides in her native land; and Werner, a blacksmith of Des Moines.

Perceiving the opportunities which were awaiting young men on this side of the Atlantic, Mr. Sandberg crossed the ocean, landing in Canada, January 1, 1873. Thence he crossed the border into the United States at Port Huron and from there went to Marquette, Michigan, where he worked for one year. He then removed to Dubuque, Iowa, where he was employed by the Thomas Connolly Company and the Illinois Central Railroad. He next made his way to Fayette county, Iowa, where he engaged in farm work, but subsequently went

to Webster City, where he was employed on the Hamilton county courthouse. He then did some work on the Crooked Creek Railway running out of Lehigh and subsequently was engaged in coal mining at that place. Coming to Boone county he worked for a time in a brickyard at Boone but in 1879 returned to Hamilton county, where he continued work along the same line. He was employed in Webster and Boone counties up to September 26, 1882, when he began to devote himself entirely to his trade of blacksmithing and woodworking in Madrid, of which city he has been a resident since. He left his native land on account of the unsatisfactory labor conditions, receiving many times but twenty-five cents a day for his work. By industry, economy and perseverance he has built up one of the most successful blacksmithing and wagon manufacturing establishments in Boone county. In 1883 he formed a partnership with Rudolph Schoonover and they have since been most successful in their business transactions. The shop is one of the best equipped in the county, and in order to give an idea as to the extent of their business it may be stated here that in the thirty-one years since the firm has been established, on an average of seven hundred plows have been sharpened annually in their shop. A ton of horseshoes is used annually and quite a number of top buggies and spring wagons are manufactured. The honorable methods which Mr. Sandberg follows in all his transactions have been the foundation of his success and he enjoys today the utmost confidence of his patrons and the people of Madrid. Prosperity has come to him because he has been untiring in his efforts and because he has managed his business affairs circumspectly, taking advantage of opportunities as they offered themselves.

In 1901, after an absence of over a quarter of a century, Mr. Sandberg returned to his native land for a visit. He has used these opportunities of travel for observation and education and is today considered one of the best informed men upon all public questions in Madrid. He was first attracted to that city and became aware of its possibilities as a favorable location while on a visit to his uncle, Mason Anderson, in 1882. Not only does Mr. Sandberg speak Swedish but he also is proficient in French and German, which was of decided advantage to him as the first person he met in Madrid was one with whom he could make himself understood only in the French tongue. Mr. Sandberg is equally well versed in English and he has therefore the advantage of drawing his information from four nationalities, being able to acquaint himself with their views and progress by reading in their own languages. Mr. Sandberg is an expert at his trade and this has been one of the causes of his success. When he arrived in Madrid this was his greatest asset, for his cash capital was but small. He experienced sickness and other drawbacks and obstacles, hindrances which would have discouraged many a stout heart, but he never lost sight of the goal and moved onward, and the years have brought him the reward for his indomitable energy and incessant labor.

On October 28, 1885, G. A. Sandberg married Miss Abigail Fread, who was born in La Salle county, Illinois, April 27, 1856. Both her parents died in Illinois and Mrs. Sandberg came to Boone county in 1881. She was one of ten children, as follows: Albert, Absalom, Philip, James and Mrs. Louis Luther, all of Illinois; Mrs. Ellen Bagwell, of California; Mrs. Abigail Sandberg; Mrs. Eva Story, also of the Golden state; Mary and Angie, both of Illinois. The only child of Mr. and Mrs. Sandberg died in infancy.

Politically G. A. Sandberg is independent, preferring to follow his own judgment in the support of measures and candidates. He has taken a deep interest in all public questions and in private capacity does everything in his power to further the general welfare. The progress and growth of Madrid has been stimulated by his business activities and by his personal participation in many measures that have proven of the greatest benefit to the community. Fraternally he is a member of Star Lodge, No. 115, A. F. & A. M., of Madrid, and Mrs. Sandberg belongs to the Eastern Star, Yeomen and Rebekah lodges. They own a handsome modern home in that city where they entertain their many friends. Mr. Sandberg is very popular and stands high in the community not only because of his financial success but because he embodies those qualities of character which typify honorable manhood and loyalty to all tasks and obligations imposed upon him.

ALBERT B. DEERING, M. D.

Dr. Albert B. Deering is one of the successful physicians of Boone, interested in all that pertains to his profession and which renders his service of greater usefulness and value to his fellowmen. His reading has been wide and his broad study has enabled him to cope with many of the intricate and complex problems that continually confront the physician. He was born in Moingona, Boone county, July 27, 1874, a son of Alpheus A. and Martha (Clift) Deering, natives of Maine and of Vermont respectively. The former died December 3, 1910, but the mother survives and now makes her home in San Diego, California. On leaving New England, they became residents of the middle west, settling in Boone county in 1868. The father engaged in the practice of medicine at Moingona for several years and then came to Boone, where he followed his profession until his demise. He ranked high as a physician and surgeon and something of his standing among his professional brethren is indicated in the fact that he was made secretary of the State Medical Society. He was also district surgeon for the Chicago & Northwestern Railroad. Interested in affairs pertaining to public progress, he did everything in his power to promote advancement along material, intellectual, social and moral lines. He served as a member of the school board and at one time was also postmaster of Boone. To him and his wife were born four children: Charles C., who is now living in Des Moines, Iowa; Albert B.; Judson W., who is a civil engineer, residing at San Diego, California; and Elsie, the wife of Percy McDowell of Palo Alto, California.

Liberal educational opportunities were accorded Dr. Albert B. Deering, who was a student in the Iowa State College at Ames and afterward attended the Iowa State University at Iowa City, spending one year as a student in its medical school. He then entered the medical department of the Northwestern University at Chicago and was graduated therefrom with the class of 1898. He almost immediately afterward volunteered for service in the medical department of the Forty-ninth Iowa Infantry, with which he was connected for a year and then returned to Boone, where he has since practiced. He is district surgeon for

the Chicago & Northwestern Railroad and local surgeon for the Iowa Railway Light Company.

On the 18th of December, 1901, Dr. Deering was united in marriage to Miss Jean Miller, a native of Wyoming, and their children were three in number: Albert B., who was born April 7, 1905; David Miller, born January 29, 1907; and Jean, who was born October 18, 1909, and passed away on the 29th of July, 1911. Dr. Deering is independent in politics. Fraternally he is an Elk and in religious faith a Presbyterian. He possesses a broad humanitarian spirit, and the calls of his fellowmen make strong demand upon his sympathy. He is interested in everything that tends to a broader and more accurate knowledge of the laws concerning the preservation and restoration of health, and by broad reading he is constantly adding to the information which he has already acquired and which enables him to successfully cope with many professional problems.

JOHN W. THOMPSON.

John W. Thompson is a business veteran of Ogden, Iowa, where he was for many years connected with the publishing business as editor and owner of the Boone County Messenger. Since 1911 he has lived retired in the enjoyment of a well earned competency. He was born in Pennsylvania, September 9, 1833, and is a son of James and Jane (Park) Thompson, the father a native of Maryland and the mother of Pennsylvania. James Thompson followed agricultural pursuits and also was active in mercantile life. At an early day in the history of Iowa he came to Greene county, where he bought land, but he passed away shortly after his arrival there. The mother died in Cedar Rapids, whence the family subsequently came to Boone county.

John W. Thompson was reared and educated in Pennsylvania, finishing his course at a private school in that state. In 1852 he went with the family to Cedar Rapids, Iowa, the trip being made by boat from Pittsburgh to Muscatine. They then drove to Cedar Rapids, where the father made entry for land, and our subject well remembers when he plowed corn on the tract where West Cedar Rapids now stands. Mr. Thompson of this review farmed there for about two years but in 1866 came to Boone county, Iowa, where he purchased land to the extent of eighty-nine acres. This tract he improved and operated until 1881, acting during the winter months as principal of the schools of Moingona for some time. As a school teacher as well as a farmer he was successful and earned the respect and esteem of his friends and neighbors. Upon coming to Ogden Mr. Thompson engaged in the newspaper business, organizing the Boone County Messenger. This paper he conducted for about twenty years. Its editorial policy was always clean-cut, while particular attention was given to the setting forth of local happenings. Mr. Thompson not only proved himself an able editor but he was a successful business manager. His circulation list increased year by year, and his advertising patronage gained in volume and quality. When he retired from the newspaper business in 1911 he had built up a valuable organ in the country press of the state. Mr. Thompson has now passed his eightieth year, yet he is very active and interested in the growth and development

of his city and section, to which he contributed so much in his newspaper career.

On September 12, 1854, John W. Thompson was united in marriage to Miss Mary Rogers, a daughter of Henry and Frances (Bixby) Rogers, natives of Pennsylvania, who went to Linn county, Iowa, during pioneer days. There the father engaged in farming, operating land in that section for the remainder of his life. Mr. and Mrs. Thompson became the parents of seven children: Mattie E., who married S. J. Elliott and they reside in Beaver, Boone county; Clara, who is teaching school in St. Paul, Minnesota, and for fourteen years was principal of the Ogden schools; May, the wife of Edward Freeman, a passenger conductor on the Chicago & Northwestern Railroad; Anna, who married Dr. Bradshaw, a dentist of Ogden; Etta, the wife of C. F. Weaver, a newspaper man of Ames, by whom she has nine children; Wiley J., who passed away in 1865, at the age of two years; and one who died in infancy. Mrs. Thompson's death occurred in 1872 and on January 20, 1906, Mr. Thompson married Mrs. Eurette S. Brooks, daughter of Joel and Betsy (Hill) Clark and the widow of Harvey Brooks. The latter was a veteran of the Civil war and a pioneer of Boone county, where he passed away July 27, 1902.

Mr. Thompson has always given his support to the democratic party and staunchly believes in the principles and platform of that organization. He has ever interested himself in public affairs and for a number of years served as township clerk. His religion is that of the Methodist church. Much credit is due Mr. Thompson not only for his accomplishments in his own behalf, but for the service which he rendered his community in his semi-public position as editor and owner of the Boone County Messenger. He has ever given his influence toward promoting improvements and has taken his part in bringing to Ogden and Boone county the conveniences and comforts of modern civilization.

ANDREW G. ANDERSON.

Andrew G. Anderson is engaged in the plumbing business in Boone, where for twelve years he has conducted his present establishment, enjoying growing success as time has passed on. He was born in Sweden, July 26, 1867, and is a son of John and Sarah Anderson, both of whom were natives of that country, where the mother still resides, while the father has passed away. He was a sailor, devoting his life to that calling.

Andrew G. Anderson was one of a family of six children. The days of his boyhood and youth were spent in his native land, and his education was acquired in its schools. Hearing favorable reports concerning the new world and its opportunities, he determined to try his fortune on this side the Atlantic and, bidding adieu to friends and relatives, he left Sweden on the 4th of September, 1887. He did not tarry upon the eastern coast, but with Boone county as his destination made his way at once into the interior of the country, reaching Moin-gona in October. His financial condition rendered it imperative that he seek immediate employment and for one month he worked for the Northwestern Railroad Company, while later he spent thirty days in the coal mines. He then



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went to Omaha, Nebraska, where he secured a position in connection with the city waterworks in September, 1888. After a few months spent in that connection he made his way to Chicago and afterward returned to Boone, where he entered the employ of Mr. Crary in the plumbing and hardware business. He remained in that connection from 1889 until May 16, 1902, when he established a plumbing shop of his own. In 1907 he purchased a fine brick building and has today the leading establishment in his line in this city. He thoroughly understands the trade, does expert work and by reasonable prices, honorable dealing and enterprising methods has gained a most liberal and gratifying patronage.

In 1893 Mr. Anderson was united in marriage to Miss Mary W. Berglund, a native of Boone county, and to them have been born eight children, as follows: Walter Leroy, born December 24, 1893; Freddie Raymond, born July 29, 1895; Erive Paul, whose birth occurred on the 25th of December, 1898; Pearl Christine and Earl Robert, twins, born June 7, 1900; Sara Josephine, whose natal day was May 26, 1903; Ruth Marion, born May 23, 1906; and William Clyde, born September 16, 1909.

In his political views Mr. Anderson is independent, voting for the candidate whom he thinks most capable rather than for party. He belongs to the Independent Order of Odd Fellows and the Loyal Order of Moose, and in those societies has many friends. He has recently returned from a trip to his old home, having spent ten weeks in his native land. He has never had occasion to regret his determination to come to America, for on this side the Atlantic he found the opportunities which he sought and in their improvement has worked his way steadily upward. His has been a busy and useful life, and his record shows what may be accomplished when industry is one of the salient traits of character.

WILLIAM A. WEST.

William A. West, chief of the fire department, was born July 6, 1868, in Boone, where he still makes his home. He was the fifth in order of birth in a family of six children, whose parents were David A. and Margaret (Conley) West, the former a native of Canada and the latter of St. John, New Brunswick. It was about the year 1865 that David West brought his family to Boone, where he engaged in ditching, working oxen in that connection. He afterward engaged in the laundry business in Boone until 1890, when his life's labors were ended in death. His widow survives and yet makes her home in Boone. Among their children were four who died in infancy, while those who survive are William and Clayton, the latter a resident of Perry, Iowa.

The public schools of his native city afforded William A. West his educational opportunities and in his initial step in business circles, he joined his father, who was then engaged in the laundry business, and with whom he continued until the father's death. He then carried on the business alone until his establishment was destroyed by fire in the year 1900. It was in 1903 that the fire department of Boone was organized and six months later Mr. West was made captain of the hose department. In 1908 he was made chief of the fire depart-

ment and has since acted in that capacity. He has raised the department to a high standard of efficiency and has the loyal service and indorsement of the men who are under him. •

On the 7th of November, 1892, Mr. West was united in marriage to Miss Jessie McAllister, a native of Des Moines, and they became the parents of two children, James and Gladys, but both are now deceased. The parents are members of the Christian church and in its work are interested and active. Mr. West has always resided in Boone, and his cordial relations with many of his fellow townsmen indicate an upright, honorable life, worthy the regard of those with whom business or social relations have brought him in contact.

BURT M. HUNTLEY.

Burt M. Huntley, who is engaged in buying and shipping grain at Boone, was born in De Kalb, Illinois, on the 16th of December, 1869. His parents were Fernando C. and Louisa K. (Wright) Huntley, the former a native of Illinois and the latter of Ohio. The father engaged in the grain, lumber and live stock business and in 1870 came to Boone county, settling in Ogden, where he continued to reside until his death, which occurred in January, 1901. His wife survived him for thirteen years and was called to her final rest on the 16th of February, 1914. Her last days were spent in the home of her son, B. M. Huntley. Her remains, however, were interred at Ogden, the Rev. S. Muneke of the Presbyterian church having charge of the services. She was born in Tallmadge, Summit county, Ohio, and came of good old Puritan stock. In her girlhood days the family removed to Cleveland, Ohio, and when she was still quite young a further removal was made to De Kalb, Illinois. Both parents died within five days after their removal to the west, the father's death occurring in the south while he was serving as a soldier of the Civil war. The daughter afterward returned to Ohio and attended school at Tallmadge and at Oberlin. She subsequently engaged in teaching for a time near the latter city, after which she returned to De Kalb, Illinois, where she taught for one year in the graded schools. It was on the 21st of November, 1865, that she gave her hand in marriage to Fernando C. Huntley, and they continued to reside in De Kalb until July 27, 1870, when they went with their little family to Ogden, Iowa. They were among the early residents of the locality and ever shared in the work of development and improvement. The Huntleys united with the Congregational church and were active in every line of church work, while Mrs. Huntley's rare musical gifts were of much value to the choir. She was also very active in church, Sunday-school and missionary work and, indeed, was well known along every line of Christian service. She possessed a charitable disposition, a brave and courageous spirit and notable nobility of character. She was ever a most gracious, cordial and kindly hostess, and her friends were indeed many. To Mr. and Mrs. Huntley were born five children: Mabel, now the wife of George H. Rogers, living in Ames, Iowa; Burt M.; Frances Elva, now in Portland, Oregon; Ralph W., now at Cheyenne Wells, Colorado; and Lillian, who passed away at the age of three years.

In taking up the personal history of Burt M. Huntley, we present to our readers the life record of one who is widely and favorably known in Boone and throughout the surrounding country, for since attaining manhood he has been closely associated with business affairs along various lines. He was cashier of the Bank of Ogden for seven years and was then elected to the office of county treasurer, in which he served for two terms, or four years, as his efficiency won him reelection, and also for six months by appointment. He was a most careful custodian of the public funds and discharged his duties with a promptness and fidelity that left nothing to be desired. After retiring from the office he became one of the organizers of the Boone-Brick-Tile Company, of which he remained as manager for seven years, wisely directing the interests of that constantly growing business. He then built an elevator at Boone and has since been engaged in buying and shipping grain. Soon after embarking in that business he admitted C. Williams to a partnership. Their interests have developed steadily along substantial and gratifying lines, and their business is an important one to the community, inasmuch as it furnishes a market for local grain producers, while at the same time their annual sales to the city grain markets bring to them a substantial annual income.

On the 20th of September, 1893, Mr. Huntley was united in marriage to Miss Bessie G. Phillips, a native of Jones county, and unto them have been born three children: Marjorie Louise, born July 19, 1895; Helen Elizabeth, April 7, 1902; and Burt Phillips, August 10, 1910. The parents hold membership in the Congregational church and are interested and active in its work, doing all in their power to promote its growth and extend its influence.

Mr. Huntley votes with the republican party and is a loyal and public-spirited citizen, cooperating heartily in many movements contributing to the general good. In Masonry he has attained high rank, holding membership with the lodge, chapter, commandery and the Mystic Shrine, and at all times he is faithful to the teachings of the craft, which has at its basic principle the truth of mutual kindness and brotherhood. Mr. Huntley was less than a year old when the family came to Boone county and has since resided within its borders, his record at all times commending him to the confidence, good-will and high regard of those with whom he has been brought in contact.

OSCAR J. LINDGREN.

Oscar J. Lindgren is a representative and enterprising agriculturist of Yell township, residing on section 20, where he owns seventy-nine acres of rich and productive land. His birth occurred in Sweden on the 30th of April, 1870, his parents being Storm and Johanna Lindgren, likewise natives of that country. The father, a shoemaker by trade, still works at that occupation in Sweden, but the mother passed away in 1873.

Oscar J. Lindgren was reared and educated in his native land and also learned the shoemaker's trade, working at that occupation until he had attained his majority. When twenty-one years of age, desiring to take advantage of the opportunities afforded by the new world, he crossed the Atlantic to the United

States and came direct to Boone county, Iowa, being here employed as a farm hand for some time. Subsequently he cultivated a tract of rented land in Peoples township for six years and for three years operated a rented place in Beaver township. Having accumulated sufficient capital to enable him to purchase property of his own, he came into possession of seventy-nine acres of land on section 20, Yell township, on the 1st of March, 1909, and has since devoted his time and energies to its operation. He has made substantial improvements on the property and annually gathers rich crops which find a ready sale on the market.

On the 7th of September, 1904, Mr. Lindgren was united in marriage to Miss Hulda Nelson, a daughter of Nels and Anna Nelson, both of whom were natives of Sweden. The father, a blacksmith by trade, died in that country in 1884, while the mother was called to her final rest in August, 1901. Mr. and Mrs. Lindgren are the parents of five children, namely: Wallace, Walter, Edna, Earl and Pearl.

Mr. Lindgren exercises his right of franchise in support of the men and measures of the republican party and is now ably serving in the capacity of school director. His religious faith is that of the Lutheran church. The hope that led him to leave his native land and seek a home in the new world has been more than realized, for here he found the opportunities which he sought and in their wise utilization has won a place among the substantial and esteemed citizens of his community.

C. O. ERICKSON.

C. O. Erickson is one of the prominent members of the Swedish colony in Madrid. Combined in him are the sturdy qualities of his native race with the business ability and aggressive tendencies of the American character. He is at present a member of the firm of Erickson Brothers, who are engaged in stone and cement work and who are very prosperous in their commercial affairs. In their plant at Madrid are manufactured work blocks, posts, columns and many other stone and cement ornaments and building materials.

Mr. Erickson was born in Sweden in 1874 and is a son of Eric and Louise (Nelson) Anderson, natives of Sweden and still residents of that country. Of their children, two died in infancy and the remaining are: C. O., of this review; Franz, who is connected with his older brother in the management of the firm of Erickson Brothers; Axel, of Minneapolis; Mrs. Hilda Olson, of Washington; Mrs. Hannah Peterson, of Sweden; Mrs. Hilma Carlson, of Washington; and Mary, Ida and Alice, of Sweden.

C. O. Erickson spent his boyhood under the care of his parents, who early instilled into him a proper valuation of the qualities of thrift, industry and energy. In the acquirement of his education he attended country school. When a young man of nineteen he became more and more convinced that the opportunities which his native country held out to him did not permit him to gain that independence which he desired. He therefore turned his eyes to the western hemisphere and in 1893 came to America. He settled in Madrid, Iowa, and there he has since been engaged in mason and cement work. He is very

successful as a contractor and has handled some important deals. He is a member of the firm of Erickson Brothers, his partner being his brother Franz, and they execute stone and cement work. Mr. Erickson enjoys a high reputation in business circles and has reached financial independence through his own efforts, so that he may truly be styled a self-made man. He is highly esteemed by all who know him and in financial and commercial circles enjoys the greatest confidence.

In 1898, C. O. Erickson married Miss Nellie Sell, who was born in Douglas township in August, 1873. Her parents were C. G. and Johanna (Johnson) Sell, natives of Sweden, who in 1871 came to Douglas township and settled on a farm west of Madrid. The father was a prosperous, up-to-date agriculturist and after a long and successful career passed away in Madrid, February 9, 1898. His widow survived him until July, 1913. Of their seven children the six older were born in Sweden and the youngest in Boone county. Four—Sophia, Carolina, Louise and Charles—are deceased. The living are: Tilda, who married Jacob M. Carlson, supervisor of Boone county, residing in Madrid; Mrs. Hulda Hoover, also of that city; and Mrs. Nellie Erickson. Mr. and Mrs. Erickson have two children: Roy, born in 1900, who is attending public school; and Harold, whose birth occurred in 1909.

Mr. and Mrs. Erickson are members of the Swedish Mission church. Politically he is a republican but he has never been connected with public affairs, preferring to fulfill his citizen's duties privately. He is interested in the growth and progress of his city and gives valuable support to enterprises which are undertaken in the interests of the general welfare. Mr. and Mrs. Erickson reside in a handsome home which they make a hospitable meeting place for their many friends. Success has come to him in answer to his ambition and initiative, and the prosperity which he enjoys is merited by years of close application and incessant industry.

FRANK E. HANNUM.

Frank E. Hannum, manager of the Farmers Elevator at Boone, is well known throughout the county in which practically his entire life has been spent. His birth occurred in Zanesville, Ohio, on the 23d of February, 1864, his parents being William P. and Elizabeth A. (Gibbons) Hannum, the former a native of Pennsylvania and the latter of Ohio. In the spring of 1865 the family home was established in Boone county, Iowa, and here the father followed farming throughout his active business career. His demise occurred on the 31st of October, 1891, while his wife was called to her final rest on the 11th of January, 1914, the community thus losing two of its substantial and esteemed residents. They were the parents of seven children, as follows: George, serving as deputy sheriff of Boone county; Margaret, at home; Mary, who is the wife of H. J. Pollard, of Boone; John, residing in Boone, who is employed as conductor on the Chicago & Northwestern Railway; Alva, a carpenter living in Boone; Frank; and Effie, who is the wife of John D. Goode, of Dodge township.

Frank E. Hannum attended the public schools of Boone in the acquirement of an education and after putting aside his text-books devoted his attention to agricultural pursuits. Subsequently he embarked in business as a contractor and builder and later took charge of the Farmers Elevator at Boone, which he has managed in a capable, efficient and commendable manner to the present time.

In January, 1899, Mr. Hannum was united in marriage to Miss Eva L. Mosgrove, a native of Boone county, by whom he has four children, as follows, Bessie, Rollin M., Raymond R. and Ruth E. All are with their parents in Boone. In his political views Mr. Hannum is a republican, while his religious faith is that of the Methodist church, of which he is a liberal supporter. Fraternally he is identified with the Woodmen of the World, the Ancient Order of United Workmen, the Improved Order of Redmen and the subordinate lodge and encampment of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows. Both Mr. and Mrs. Hannum have an extensive acquaintance in this county and enjoy the regard and esteem of a large circle of warm friends.

JOHN MCCREA BRAINARD.

No history of Boone county would be complete without extended reference to John McCrea Brainard, now one of the venerable residents of the city of Boone, having passed the seventy-eighth milestone on life's journey. Through much of this period he has been a resident of Iowa, where for more than a half century he was connected with the profession of teaching and with journalism, becoming widely known in the field of newspaper publication.

Mr. Brainard was born in Blairsville, Indiana county, Pennsylvania, on the 30th of March, 1836, and comes of English ancestry, tracing the line back to Daniel Brainard, who, when but eight years of age, crossed the Atlantic from England and found a home in Hartford, Connecticut, in 1640. Two years later he became a citizen of and large landholder in Haddam, Connecticut, and he aided in the substantial development of the section of the colony in which he lived. He passed away in Haddam, April 1, 1715. His family numbered seven sons and a daughter. The paternal grandparents of John McCrea Brainard were Isaac and Alice (Brainard) Brainard, who though of the same name were not relatives. Their son, Martin Brainard, was born at Randolph, Vermont, June 29, 1796, and completed a course of study in Dartmouth College by graduation with the class of 1817. He then entered upon the study of law, was admitted to the bar at Utica, New York, and afterward practiced his profession in Rochester and Buffalo, New York, in Pennsylvania and in Wisconsin. In the autumn of 1875 he removed with his family to St. Augustine, Florida, and was laid to rest in the old Huguenot cemetery there. His wife bore the maiden name of Agnes Moorhead, but was usually known by her pet name of Nancy. She was born near Blairsville, Pennsylvania, March 13, 1813, a daughter of Samuel and Martha (Bell) Moorhead, and on the 6th of November, 1830, she gave her hand in marriage to Martin Brainard, whom she survived for a decade, passing away in St. Augustine, Florida, December 14, 1893. The



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ancestral record in the maternal line speaks of Mrs. Brainard as a woman of more than usual education for those days, who was possessed of a tenacious memory and a capacity for ready and pertinent quotation, generally recognized among her acquaintances. Her ancestry was Scotch-Irish, immigrating in the early part of the eighteenth or latter part of the seventeenth century, via Baltimore, and settling in the rich Cumberland valley, Franklin county, Pennsylvania, near Chambersburg. Her grandfather, Samuel Moorhead, of Westmoreland county, Pennsylvania, married Agnes, daughter of Samuel Craig, also of Scotch-Irish stock, who was a soldier of the Revolutionary war and lost his life in the line of duty, being killed by the Indian allies of the British while crossing Chestnut Ridge on his way to Fort Ligonier, in the same county. The intermarriages of the Moorhead families were almost without exceptions with persons of Scotch-Irish descent; and this was also true to a considerable extent on the Brainard side of the house, the first—Daniel—having married a Scotch lassie, Hannah Spencer, and Scotch names appear frequently in the list of brides in later generations.

John McCrea Brainard was the fourth in order of birth in a family of thirteen children. The three older sons died in early childhood, while the remaining ten children reached adult age. The subject of this sketch began his education under the teaching of his parents, who instructed him to some extent in the Latin language, in addition to those branches which today constitute the public school curriculum. He was afterward sent to the public schools and in the autumn of 1851 enrolled in the preparatory academy at Eldersridge, Pennsylvania, being at that time fifteen years of age. In that school he prepared for the junior year at Jefferson College, teaching school in the winter and attending the five months' terms at the academy. In the spring of 1853 the family removed from Pennsylvania to Beloit, Wisconsin, where John McCrea Brainard continued his education as a student at the college at that place, but only remained until fall, when he returned to Pennsylvania, where he alternately studied in the academy and taught school until the spring of 1856. With the completion of his academic course he decided to establish his home in the West. Before taking up his abode in the Mississippi valley, however, Mr. Brainard was married to Miss Martha Vale Wilson, a daughter of Sanford and Letitia (Clark) Wilson, of Westmoreland county, Pennsylvania. The wedding was celebrated March 18, 1856, in Callensburg, Clarion county, Pennsylvania. The bride's mother was a cousin of Governor James Clark, the third and last territorial governor of Iowa, who shortly after the close of his official term died of cholera and was laid to rest in Burlington. Mr. and Mrs. Brainard became the parents of seven children: Justin, born May 9, 1858, at Charles City, Iowa, married Gladys J. Calonkey, September 4, 1884, and is now living in Florida; Walter L., born March 12, 1860, at Clear Lake, Iowa, was married June 20, 1886, to Lizzie A. Shackleton, and died September 23, 1887; Frank S., born February 18, 1862, at Clear Lake, Iowa, is a resident of Boone, Iowa; Elmer E., born January 31, 1864, at Nevada, Iowa, was married at Elkadder, Iowa, January 2, 1889, to Fannie E. Woodward and makes his home in Williston, North Dakota; Mabel Alice, born December 24, 1865, in Nevada, Iowa, is the widow of Dr. J. T. Coveny and they resided in Oscaloosa, Iowa, until the Doctor's death; Emma Vale, born May 23, 1871, in Boone, Iowa, was

married February 17, 1896, to Stillman Pearson, and resides in Aurora, Illinois. She had a twin brother who died a few days after their birth.

Almost immediately after their marriage Mr. and Mrs. Brainard started for the middle west, and on the 21st of July, 1856, they arrived in Floyd county, Iowa, becoming residents of Charles City. In the autumn of that year Mr. Brainard accepted the position of teacher in the public schools of Charles City, with which he was connected for a year. He was afterward in the employ of the bank of Ferguson & Eastman, was in the store of Ferguson & Stanley and was connected with the county offices. In 1858 he removed from Charles City to Mason City, where he engaged in teaching through the succeeding year and in the autumn of 1859 accepted a school at Clear Lake, where he taught through the ensuing winter. During his residence there he began newspaper publication, entering into partnership with Silan Noyes in the establishment of the first newspaper at that place, known as the Clear Lake Independent. Since then Mr. Brainard has been almost continuously connected with journalism. He was at that time twenty-three years of age. The following year the Independent suspended, and the office was removed to New Amsterdam, Hancock county, where Mr. Brainard published the paper during a portion of the year 1861. Times became very hard with the outbreak of the Civil war, however, and again he discontinued his paper and turned his attention to merchandising in Clear Lake, still in partnership with Mr. Noyes, but misfortune attended this venture, owing to the fact that many to whom they had extended credit went to the war and lost their lives on the field of battle, so that the accounts could not be collected.

In the summer of 1863 Mr. Brainard removed to Nevada, Story county, where he purchased the Reveille from George Schoonover, which he rechristened The Story County Aegis. After five years spent in Nevada he purchased the interest of John Chapman in the Council Bluffs Nonpareil, which he edited during a part of 1868 and 1869. He next purchased the Boone Standard, and from that time forward was connected with journalistic, business and public interests in Boone, where three years before he had attended the first sale of lots. The Standard was published without missing an issue for nearly a third of a century, or until January 1, 1902, when, because of advancing years and of changed conditions in the field of newspaper publication, Mr. Brainard retired. A contemporary biographer has said in this connection: "While Brainard's modest little 'Standard' was always readable from the first line to the last, the propitious days for a weekly in Boone county, Iowa, had 'faded into the azure of the past.' Some men of his years, when compelled by the logic of their environments to give up a line of business and retire to a life wholly private, become soured and misanthropic, imagining that they have been ill-used, that 'republics are ungrateful' and all that sort of thing. Not so was it with John M. Brainard. He saw that the days of the country weekly had passed away never to return, and he accepted the situation cheerfully without a word of complaint, turning his attention to other fields of usefulness.

"The writer has known Mr. Brainard intimately and well for nearly forty years, and it is a pleasure to bear testimony to his many excellent qualities of head and heart. As a writer for the press he was one of the first among those who came as pioneers into northwestern Iowa prior to 1860. His paper was

a clean piece of writing and printing. No parent ever felt any hesitancy in having it come into the home. It always contained much aside from the news of the day that was in the highest degree instructive. Even now old settlers speak in most cordial terms of what John Brainard's paper was a quarter of a century ago. A complete file of that most excellent journal is in the State Historical Library at Des Moines."

Mr. Brainard has several times been called to public office, although never a politician in the sense of office seeking. In 1862 he was elected to fill a vacancy from the sixth district of Iowa in the state board of education, but on the 24th of March, 1864, this board was abolished by act of the general assembly. On the 14th of February, 1873, he received from President Grant the commission that made him postmaster of Boone and in 1877-80 he was a member of the Boone school board. In 1886 he was elected to the city council and there labored earnestly and effectively to advance the welfare of the city. In 1893, when it was decided to build a general sewer system, he was largely instrumental in securing as its advisory engineer in this work, the distinguished Colonel George E. Waring, whose plans were substantially adopted. In 1881-82 Mr. Brainard was active in promoting the St. Louis, Des Moines & Northern Railway, from Boone to Des Moines, now a part of the Chicago, Milwaukee & St. Paul system. He was also one of the foremost factors in establishing and promoting the public library, which is a monument to his interest in the general welfare. He remains today one of the valued and honored residents of Boone, the growth and development of which he has witnessed for forty-five years, taking most active and helpful part in all the work of progress and improvement. There are few more thoroughly informed concerning the history of this section of the state, and his labors have been effective and far-reaching, not only for the material advancement, but also in behalf of the intellectual and moral progress of the district.

ISAAC E. ROBINSON.

Isaac E. Robinson was not only a successful agriculturist of Greene county but there is also honor due him for his long and faithful service in the Civil war. In his farming he always followed progressive and up-to-date methods and established valuable agricultural standards in this state.

Mr. Robinson was born near Utica, New York, October 11, 1836, a son of E. and Catherine (Bushman) Robinson, natives of New York. The father, who was also a farmer, decided upon a settlement in the middle west, where he expected to find better opportunities for advancement. He therefore made his way to Illinois, going to that state in the early days of its history and entering land in Carroll county, to the cultivation of which he devoted the remainder of his days. He was successful in his chosen occupation and esteemed and respected by all who knew him. He died in 1884 and was survived by his widow for two years, the mother passing away in 1886.

Isaac E. Robinson was reared on the home farm and received his education in the schools of Illinois. In September, 1861, his patriotism prompted him

to enlist in Company B, Seventh Illinois Cavalry, and for three years he served on the battlefields of the south during the greatest civil war of our history. He performed his duties faithfully and gallantly defended the Union. After his term of enlistment had expired he was honorably discharged and returned to Illinois, in which state he farmed until 1884, when he removed to Greene county, Iowa, acquiring land which he operated until his death. His demise occurred May 30, 1904, when he was nearing his sixty-eighth birthday. He always followed the most approved methods of farming and was industrious and tireless in his efforts to transform the wild prairie land into rich, bearing fields. His buildings were in the best of repair and modern machinery was installed upon his farm to increase the yield of his acres.

On September 3, 1874, Mr. Robinson was united in marriage to Miss Flora Davis, a daughter of Isaac and Catherine (Hallet) Davis, natives of Wayne county, New York. Her father was a stonemason by trade and in 1855 took up his residence in Illinois, where he continued in this occupation until his death, January 5, 1881. His widow survived him until February 27, 1897. Mr. and Mrs. Robinson had eight children: Ella, who married William Tilley, of Incline, this state; Pearl, the wife of T. C. McWhinney, of Odell, Iowa; Leonard, a farmer in South Dakota; Marion, who conducts a blacksmith shop at Boone; Lillian, whose husband, W. H. Fister, farms in South Dakota; Myra, the wife of Guy Hoover, of Boone, Iowa; Isaac L., a coal miner residing in Boone; and Leroy G., who passed away September 15, 1881.

After Mr. Robinson's death his widow made her home with her children for some time but two years ago she came to Ogden, where she bought a handsome home about a block from the main street. She has won many friends in this city, who esteem her for her kindness of heart and high qualities of character. She is a member of the Christian church.

NOAH HARDING.

Noah Harding, now living retired in Boone at the age of nearly eighty-eight years, is the oldest pensioner of the Iowa division of the Northwestern Railway. He was a faithful and trustworthy employe of that company, standing high in the esteem of his superior officers, and he is highly respected by all with whom he has come in contact. He now makes his home with a daughter, Mrs. D. C. Crandell, at No. 515 Green street, Boone, and receives that respect which is due to one of his age who has done well life's work.

Mr. Harding was born September 11, 1826, on a farm in Rush county, Indiana, his parents being Jesse and Hannah (Burkett) Harding, the former a native of Ohio and the latter of South Carolina, of German ancestry. His paternal grandfather was Eade Harding, who served for seven years under Washington in the war for independence. When our subject was only three or four years old the family, then consisting of the father, mother and three children, removed to Boone county, Indiana, the trip being made with two horses and a wagon. There the father took up a claim of one hundred and sixty acres twelve miles from Indianapolis and made his home thereon until his son Noah was eighteen years of age, when he removed to St. Joseph county,



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that state, there acquiring title to a farm of similar size, which he cultivated for two years. At the end of that time he sold out and returned to Boone county, but subsequently went to Hamilton county, Indiana, and took up a claim of one hundred and sixty acres on the Miami Reserve, where he and his son Noah hewed the logs and erected a house. The Indians were still living in that locality. The father spent his last days at the home of our subject in Boone county, where he passed away at the age of ninety-two years. His wife also died here, at the age of seventy. In their family were the following children: Noah, of this review; Lavina, who married Joseph Emmer and is now deceased; Elizabeth, the wife of John Doty, of Boone county; Nancy, who married James Larkins and died in Oklahoma; and Susan, who wedded John Larkins and died in the same state.

In early life Noah Harding learned the carpenter's trade and worked at this occupation successfully, building mills, houses, barns and other structures. In 1853 he removed to Story county, Iowa, and on his way there remained one night with the soldiers at Fort Dodge. He then took the trail to Boonesboro, looking over the land in order to select a homestead. He settled on one hundred and sixty-four acres where Story City now stands and subsequently served as its second postmaster and was the first county supervisor from Lafayette and Howard townships. He built the first schoolhouse and the first church there, and also erected the first railroad bridge in his township. During the war he operated a mill between Colletown and Ontario, and also drilled a company which was sent to the front. He assisted in the erection of a mill at Marshalltown in the spring of 1863 and September 15, 1863, began to fell and prepare timber for Walker & Blair, contractors, who were building the Northwestern Railway from that point. Mr. Harding and a Mr. Dye, now deceased, had the contract for building the bridge between Nevada and Harding creek, which was named in honor of our subject. Mr. Harding assisted in building the first railroad bridge across the Des Moines river at Moingona, having taken over the sub-contract from Walker & Blair, and is the only survivor of the first party which crossed that river on a locomotive, the others being W. W. Walker and John I. Blair. In February, 1873, he was appointed foreman of the Northwestern shops at Boone, which position he filled for twenty-nine years, retiring on a pension in February, 1902. He was the second man in the city to be retired by his company under the pension system. As a railroad man Mr. Harding enjoyed the full confidence of all who came in contact with him and proved himself trustworthy and faithful. He was just and exacting, but he also was kind, sympathetic and ever ready to help those who were in need of his services. For over twenty years he was assistant fire chief in Boone, and even when an old man it was a question whether there were many on the force who could outrun him. He was always first on duty, day or night, summer or winter. He saw the town developed from a small settlement of three houses until it is today one of the flourishing cities of the state, and not only did he watch the onward march of civilization, but he contributed to development and in many ways was instrumental in making possible the prosperous conditions which now prevail here.

On March 1, 1847, Mr. Harding married Miss Elizabeth Anderson, who died in Indiana in 1852, having borne her husband three children: Mary Ellen,

who married D. C. Crandell, of Boone; Robert, who died in young manhood, in Texas; and Ann Eliza, who died in infancy. In 1853 Mr. Harding married Miss Nancy Anderson, a sister of his first wife and a daughter of Robert and Catherine (Crum) Anderson. By this union were born the following children: Minerva, who married Edward Fisk, now of Boone; Christina, the wife of Walter Shropshire, of Omaha, Nebraska; Daniel, who died in Oklahoma; and Frances, who married Frank Saunders, of Olympia, Washington. Mrs. Nancy Harding died in Ontario, Iowa, and Mr. Harding now makes his home with his daughter at No. 515 Green street. He is revered by all who know him, and the city of Boone honors in him a pioneer who came to this state when primitive conditions yet prevailed. He is still active in mind and body and takes a lively interest in all issues and questions of the day.

Mr. Harding is a lifelong democrat and was appointed postmaster of Story City by President Buchanan, serving in that position for eight years. He is a true Christian, yet does not belong to any particular denomination, although he always has attended church and has given his support to various religious institutions. For years he was a member of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows, but after the Civil war only seven members of the lodge returned and the local organization was given up.

GEORGE E. SLAUGHTER.

George E. Slaughter is engaged in the feed and cereal business at Boone, where, in 1912, he entered into partnership with E. B. Cordell, which partnership is still maintained. There are no spectacular phases in his life history; it is a record of a man who early recognized the value of industry and who, through the years of his manhood, has diligently and persistently labored for success. He was born in Ogle county, Illinois, July 31, 1874, and is a son of Joseph H. and Susan (Cooley) Slaughter, the former a native of Illinois and the latter of Iowa. The father made farming his life work and in the year 1877 removed with his family to Iowa, but afterward went to Nebraska, where he spent two years. He then returned to this state, settling in Ames, where he lived for about six years, after which he returned to Illinois, where he still makes his home. In 1897 he was called upon to mourn the loss of his wife, who passed away on the 10th of January of that year. In their family were six children: George; Mazy, the wife of James Elder, living in Coeur d'Alene, Idaho; Guy, who is located at White Salmon, Washington; Floss; Leah, the wife of Roy Musselman of Ogle county, Illinois; and Harvey L., also a resident of Ogle county.

When thirteen years of age, George E. Slaughter started out to make his own way in the world and for several years was employed at farm labor in Boone county. His education was such as the public schools afforded. He continued to engage in farming until after his mother's death, when he turned his attention to railroad work, becoming a fireman. Later he entered the machine shop of the railway company and was identified with industrial activity as a representative of the railroad for a number of years. On the expiration of that period he

resumed farming, to which he devoted about six years in Boone county, bringing his land to a high state of cultivation. At length, however, he established his home in Boone and entered the feed and cereal business as a partner of E. B. Cordell under the firm style of Cordell & Slaughter, which relation has been maintained since 1912. They are accorded a liberal patronage, and public opinion places them among those whose business methods are above everything that savors of deception or underhanded dealing.

On the 2d of March, 1898, Mr. Slaughter was united in marriage to Miss Hilda May Carlson, a native of Sweden, and unto them have been born two children: Ethel May, whose birth occurred January 6, 1899; and Lawrence Edward, who was born on the 22d of April, 1901. The religious faith of the family is that of the Baptist church. Mr. and Mrs. Slaughter are loyal to its teachings and are much interested in its growth and development. Fraternally he is connected with the Ancient Order of United Workmen and also with the Degree of Honor, while his political allegiance is given to the republican party, which he has supported since reaching adult years. His life has been a busy one, and gradually he has advanced step by step, his industry, close application and determination winning for him the success that now crowns his efforts.

WILLIAM H. BERGER.

William H. Berger, who carries on general agricultural pursuits, now owns and operates a farm of one hundred and sixty acres on section 29, Amaqua township. The appearance of the place indicates his practical and progressive spirit. The fields give promise of good harvests, buildings are kept in repair and all work is done on time, there being no needless delay or waste of energy. Mr. Berger is a native of Kankakee county, Illinois. He was born December 16, 1880, of the marriage of Gustav and Louise (Appel) Berger, who were natives of Germany. In early life the father and mother came to the United States with their respective parents, and Gustav Berger worked upon the home farm for his father until he had attained his majority, when he started out in life on his own account. He took up the occupation to which he had been reared and for a time cultivated rented land, but eventually saved enough money to enable him to purchase property. He then bought a farm in Kankakee county, Illinois, and has since owned and operated it. He also owns one hundred and sixty acres on section 20, Amaqua township, Boone county.

His son, William H. Berger, whose name introduces this review, was reared and educated in Kankakee and La Salle counties, Illinois, and remained with his parents until twenty-three years of age, when he started an independent business career by renting land in Kankakee county. He operated that farm for two years and then came to Boone county, where he cultivated his father's farm in Amaqua township for seven years. He next purchased one hundred and sixty acres, constituting his present farm on section 29, Amaqua township, lying just across the road from his father's place. This is splendidly improved and was formerly the property of C. H. Last, of Beaver. Since making the purchase Mr. Berger has concentrated his energies upon its further development

with good results. Timely spring planting and careful cultivation result in the production of good harvests, and for his crops he finds a ready sale on the market. He is also a stockholder in the Beaver Cooperative Company of Beaver.

Mr. Berger was married in February, 1906, to Miss Rose Guhl, a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Michael Guhl, who were natives of Germany and became pioneer settlers of Kankakee county, Illinois. Mr. Guhl is a mason and still follows that trade at Bonfield, Illinois. Mr. and Mrs. Berger became parents of two children: Luella F., now six years of age; and Bonita, who died September 5, 1913, at the age of three years. The religious faith of the parents is that of the German Lutheran church, while the political belief of Mr. Berger is that of the republican party. He is now serving his third year as trustee of his township and cooperates in many movements relative to the welfare and upbuilding of the community. He is yet a young man and in the careful conduct of his business affairs has already achieved a success which many an older man might well envy.

THOMAS L. JONES.

Since 1892 Thomas L. Jones has been identified with business interests in Boone and since 1896 has concentrated his efforts upon real-estate dealing. He has been agent for many property interests here and has negotiated many important realty transfers. In all that he does he is actuated by a spirit of enterprise that enables him to overcome difficulties and obstacles and work his way steadily upward to success.

Iowa claims Mr. Jones as a native son, his birth having occurred in Story county, November 18, 1866, his parents being Richard and Henrietta (Ross) Jones, who were married on the 20th of May, 1860. The father is a native of Wayne county, Indiana, while the mother's birth occurred in Porter county, that state. Richard Jones came to Iowa in 1855, settling in Johnson county, where he lived for a year, and then removed to Story county, where he carried on general farming, bringing his fields to a high state of cultivation and developing a splendid property. Year after year he raised good crops and in due time had acquired a handsome competence, which enabled him to put aside further business cares, so that he is now living retired. He has made his home in Boone county since 1892. He was a soldier of the Civil war, responding to the country's call for troops on the 29th of July, 1862, when he joined Company A of the Twenty-third Iowa Infantry, of which he was made second corporal. On the 17th of May, 1863, he was wounded in the battle of Black River Bridge, Mississippi. In June, 1864, he was made first sergeant and with that rank served until the close of the war, when he was mustered out July 26, 1865, at Harrisburg, Texas. His was a creditable military record, covering three years of active service, in which he participated in a number of hotly contested engagements. He was honorably discharged at Davenport, Iowa, August 11, 1865, but he still maintains pleasant relations with his old army comrades through his membership in the Grand Army of the Republic. To him and his wife were born four children: Thomas L.; Edward W., whose home is in Crookston, Minnesota; James F., who studied medicine and engaged in practice in Arizona to

the time of his death on the 12th of March, 1909; and Wilbur G., who is traveling auditor for the Rothschilds of Chicago.

Thomas L. Jones was reared in the usual manner of farm lads who spend their time and youth in the middle west. From the time of early spring planting he would assist in the work of the fields and was thus engaged until after crops were harvested in the autumn. The winter seasons were devoted to the acquirement of an education and in 1890 he took up the profession of school teaching, being then a young man of twenty-four years. He proved capable in imparting readily and clearly to others the knowledge that he had acquired, and the schools under his control made substantial progress. The summer seasons were devoted to farm work. In 1892 he removed to Boone and in 1893 he established a music store, which he conducted successfully until 1896. He then turned his attention to the real-estate and loan business, handling property both for himself and others and making loans on farm lands. He has become widely and favorably known in this connection and he is thoroughly informed concerning realty values and knows exactly the property that is upon the market.

On the 27th of April, 1890, Mr. Jones was united in marriage to Miss Bertha A. Jones, a native of Indiana, and to them have been born three children: Bernice R., whose natal day was March 11, 1891; Ethel L., born May 29, 1892; and Edith L., born on the 30th of March, 1894. The family occupies an enviable position in the social circles of the city, the hospitality of the best homes being freely accorded all of the representatives of the Jones household. The religious faith of the family is that of the Christian church, and Mr. Jones also holds membership in the Royal Arcanum and the Woodmen of the World. His political support is given the democratic party and upon its ticket he has been elected to several offices. He served for four years as city assessor, has also been city clerk and for three years was a member of the city council, during which period he exercised his official prerogatives in support of many progressive public movements and needed reforms and improvements. He has at all times been loyal to the best interests of the community, and his worth both as a man and citizen is widely recognized.

MRS. SARAH ADELLA KOUHNS.

The highest esteem and greatest respect is given on all sides to Mrs. Sarah Adella Kouhns, who for many years has been an honored resident of Ogden, Iowa. Mrs. Kouhns was born in Ohio in September, 1852, a daughter of William and Lucinda (Robinson) Hassenpflug, natives of Pennsylvania. The father was a carriage maker by trade and at an early day went to Ohio, where he engaged in farming, operating land for the remainder of his life in that state. He died in 1860, being survived by his widow until 1904.

Sarah A. Hassenpflug was reared and educated in Ohio, where she subsequently turned her knowledge to good account by teaching school for some time. In 1868 she married A. Kouhns, now deceased, and since 1871 she has lived in Boone county. For the past fifteen years she has been a resident of Ogden. Mrs. Kouhns had five children: Laura, who married A. E. Yarges, who farms

in Nebraska; Lucy, the wife of Al. Treloar, a farmer in Boone county; Ruben, who follows the same line of occupation in this county; Margaret, who died in 1904; and Montie, who died in infancy.

Mr. Kouhns was engaged in agricultural pursuits but his widow has sold the farm and has her money invested in other profitable ventures. She owns a handsome home in Ogden, where she has many friends. Mrs. Kouhns gives her adherence to the Baptist church, in the work of which she takes a deep and helpful interest.

OSCAR OAKLEAF.

Oscar Oakleaf, whose record furnishes an excellent illustration of the power of industry and perseverance in the attainment of success, came to America in early manhood and has worked his way steadily upward to a position of influence and affluence in his community, being now the president of the Madrid State Bank, one of the solid financial institutions of Iowa. His birth occurred in Sweden in 1858, his parents being J. P. and Annie (Peterson) Oakleaf, who spent their entire lives in that country. Their children were nine in number, as follows: three who died in infancy; Oscar, of this review; Carl, still residing in Sweden; Gust, who makes his home in Minnesota; Mrs. Emma Swanson, of Madrid; Mrs. Hannah Peterson, also living in Madrid; and Mrs. Martha Hallblad, who resides in Minnesota. All were born in Sweden.

Oscar Oakleaf spent the first twenty-one years of his life in the land of his nativity and in 1879 crossed the Atlantic to the United States, locating at Marshalltown, Marshall county, Iowa, where he secured employment as a farm laborer. In 1881 he came to what is now Madrid and entered the service of William Johnson as a clerk, remaining in his employ for nine years and nine months. On the expiration of that period, in 1891, he secured a position with the A. T. Davis Milling Company of Madrid and continued with the concern for about a year, later becoming financially interested in the same. He also became interested in the Citizens State Bank of Madrid, which was located on the present site of the Madrid State Bank. In that institution he rose steadily from one position to the next highest, serving successively as bookkeeper, assistant cashier, cashier, and president, and proving his ability and worth in each capacity. The Madrid State Bank conducts a general banking business and enjoys a reputation as one of the safe and conservative financial institutions of Iowa. It has a capital of twenty-five thousand dollars and a surplus of twenty-five thousand dollars—a fact which bespeaks the able management and careful direction of its chief executive officer. The bank is modernly equipped, has safety deposit boxes and is the depository for the United States postal savings funds. Mr. Oakleaf is one of the heaviest stockholders of the Madrid State Bank, owns an attractive home in Madrid, and also has a valuable and modernly improved farm of one hundred and thirty-seven acres in Douglas township.

In 1895 Mr. Oakleaf was united in marriage to Miss Clara Anderson, who was born in Madrid in 1864, her parents being Peter and Melinda Anderson,



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both of whom are deceased. They were among the early settlers of Boone county and it was here that Mrs. Oakleaf grew to womanhood and attended the public schools. By her marriage she has become the mother of two children: A. Ruben, who was born July 19, 1897, and is now a high school student in Madrid; and Gladys H., who was born March 26, 1899, and also attends school in Madrid. Both are natives of that city.

In his political views Mr. Oakleaf is a staunch republican and for the past fifteen years has ably served as school treasurer of Madrid. Both he and his wife are devoted and consistent members of the Swedish Lutheran church in Madrid. The period of his residence in this county covers a third of a century, and he enjoys an extensive acquaintance within its borders. Coming to the new world in the hope of bettering his financial condition, he found the opportunities which he sought and in their wise utilization has won both prosperity and friendly respect.

AXEL E. SKORTMAN.

Axel E. Skortman has been a resident of Madrid for nearly a half century and throughout practically his entire life. He is successfully engaged in business as a merchant, owning a half interest in a stock of implements. His birth occurred in Sweden on the 5th of November, 1864, his parents being August and Carolina (Anderson) Skortman, who were likewise natives of that country, the former born in 1838 and the latter in 1842. In the summer of 1865 the family crossed the Atlantic to the United States and settled at Madrid, Boone county, Iowa, where August Skortman worked at the tailor's trade for three years. On the expiration of that period he turned his attention to general agricultural pursuits in Douglas township and in 1874 took up his abode on a farm in section 24, Garden township, where he spent the remainder of his life, passing away in 1902. He paid but four dollars per acre for his first farm and the land has since steadily increased in value until it is now worth two hundred dollars an acre. In his demise the community lost one of its substantial, esteemed and representative citizens. His widow, who still survives, now makes her home in Slater, Story county, this state.

They were the parents of ten children, including the following named: Axel E., of this review; Mrs. Anna Cross, who is a resident of Sac City, Iowa; Charles, living in Slater, Iowa; Emil, who makes his home in Minnesota; Mrs. Nellie Swanson, of Story county, Iowa; Minnie, who is married and resides in Garden township, this county; Mrs. Selma Peterson, also of Garden township; and Edward, who passed away at the age of twenty-one years. All were born in Boone county, Iowa, with the exception of our subject, and all were reared and educated here, attending the early schools of the county.

Axel E. Skortman grew to manhood in Madrid and, as above stated, has always remained a resident of the town. Success has attended his undertakings in the business world until he is now numbered among the prosperous and representative citizens of his community, owning a valuable and well improved farm of one hundred and sixty acres in Madison township, Polk county, and also a

half interest in a stock of implements in Madrid. He likewise owns an attractive and well appointed home in Madrid and is one of the best liked and most enterprising residents of the town.

On the 7th of March, 1888, Mr. Skortman was united in marriage to Miss Dora Cross, who was born in Madison township, Polk county, Iowa, on the 5th of May, 1868, her parents being Homer and Samantha (Scheidler) Cross, natives of Ohio and Indiana respectively. They took up their abode in Garden township on coming to this county and are now residents of Madrid. Their two daughters are as follows: Mrs. Dora Skortman, who grew to womanhood in this country and has always remained a resident here; and Mrs. Ina Edwards, a native of Garden township, this county, who now resides in Des Moines, Iowa. Our subject and his wife have one daughter, Mrs. Violet Kinsey, who was born in Madison township, Boone county, Iowa, on the 15th of March, 1892, and grew to womanhood in Polk county. She pursued a high-school course in Madrid and was married in that town.

Mr. Skortman is a republican in politics and has done valuable service as a member of the town council of Madrid. His religious faith is indicated by his membership in the Christian church of Madrid, to which his wife also belongs, and fraternally he is identified with the Masons, belonging to Star Lodge, No. 115, A. F. & A. M., of Madrid. He is likewise connected with the Independent Order of Odd Fellows and the Knights of Pythias of Madrid and the Yeomen. By nature he is social and genial and he has many attractive qualities which have won him a circle of warm friends.

VIRGIL O. HOLCOMB.

Virgil O. Holcomb is actively engaged in the real-estate and insurance business in Boone and has won a gratifying measure of success in this connection. His birth occurred in Trumbull county, Ohio, on the 8th of March, 1866, his parents being Charles and Louisa (Wilbur) Holcomb, both of whom were natives of Connecticut. In 1869 the family home was established in Boone county, Iowa, the father here devoting his attention to general agricultural pursuits throughout his active business career. He now resides in the town of Boone and is well known and esteemed throughout the community which has been his home for a period of forty-five years. The demise of his wife occurred in August, 1909. They had two children: Virgil O., of this review; and Frank who is deceased.

Virgil O. Holcomb supplemented his preliminary education by a high-school course and also attended Highland Park College of Des Moines. Returning to the home farm, he was busily engaged in agricultural pursuits during the summer seasons, while in the winter months he followed the profession of teaching. He was chosen a member of the board of supervisors and ably served in that capacity for six years, on the expiration of which period he embarked in the real-estate and insurance business at Boone, with which he has been continuously identified to the present time. He has kept well informed concern-

ing property values and has therefore been enabled to negotiate important realty transfers beneficial alike to his clients and to himself.

On the 2d of August, 1892, Mr. Holcomb was joined in wedlock to Miss Mary Wylie, a native of Boone county, by whom he has three children, namely, Caroline J., Curtis F. and Richard Franklin. In politics Mr. Holcomb is independent, supporting men and measures rather than party. Fraternally he is identified with the Ancient Order of United Workmen, and his religious faith is that of the Methodist church. In civic as well as business affairs Mr. Holcomb is enterprising and progressive and is always ready to accord his support and cooperation to every movement the adoption of which he feels will redound to the benefit of the majority. He has resided within the borders of Boone county since three years of age and enjoys a very extensive and favorable acquaintance here.

WILLARD FOSTER.

Willard Foster may truly be called a self-made man, for the success which has come to him has been won entirely through his own efforts. He started out to make his way in the world when a lad of but thirteen years and since that time has led a busy life, his growing effectiveness and usefulness in business circles finding tangible evidence in his property holdings, consisting of an attractive home and a large feed and coal yard. He was born in Story county, November 4, 1856, and is a son of John R. and Elizabeth (Jackson) Foster, both of whom were natives of Indiana. They came to Iowa in 1852, taking up their abode in Story county, where the father followed farming until 1860. Following the outbreak of the Civil war he immediately responded to the country's call for troops, feeling this to be his paramount duty. With his command he went to the front and was among those who laid down their lives on the altar of their country, his death occurring while he was serving as a soldier. His wife had previously passed away and thus their three children were orphaned. The daughter, Suzanna, is now the wife C. P. Meredith, a resident of Clark Fork, Idaho. The elder son is Willard, and the youngest of the family was Thomas, who died in childhood.

When his father went to the army Willard Foster went to live with his grandparents, with whom he remained through much of the period of his youth. He continued with them through winter seasons, while in the summer months he earned his own living by working at farm labor from the age of thirteen years. When crops were harvested in the late autumn he would return to the home of his grandfather and spend the winter season in attending school. It will thus be seen that he had no special advantages or opportunities at the outset of his career, being forced to enter so early upon the task of earning a livelihood. When twenty-one years of age he was married and located upon a farm in Boone county. After renting land for about three years, during which time he lived most economically, he invested his earnings in an eighty acre tract. After cultivating that property for a time he sold out and bought one hundred acres. Later he rented his farm and removed to Boone, where he became an

employe in the shops of the Northwestern Railroad Company, there spending three years. He was afterward in the street car service for ten years and later was elected township constable, to which position he was reelected at the close of his first term. Ere he retired from that position he was elected sheriff of the county and filled the office most acceptably for five years, discharging his duties without fear or favor. He next purchased a feed and coal business on Tenth street and has thus been identified with commercial interests in the city to the present time. Evidence of his success is seen in his fine home, which is one of the modern residences of Boone, situated at the corner of Sixth and Harrison streets. It is attractively furnished and, moreover, is the abode of a warm-hearted hospitality, which makes it the center of a cultured society circle.

On the 15th of July, 1877, Mr. Foster was united in marriage to Miss Mary A. Moyer, and unto them has been born a daughter, Bertha, who is now the wife of W. H. McLain, of Emmetsburg, Iowa. The religious faith of Mr. and Mrs. Foster is that of the Methodist Episcopal church, and his fraternal relations are with the Ancient Order of United Workmen. He votes with the republican party, and it was upon this ticket that he was elected to office. He has never been remiss in the duties of citizenship, while in business he has never failed to show that enterprising spirit and unfaltering determination which overcome obstacles and advance steadily toward success. He certainly deserves much credit for what he has accomplished, inasmuch as he started out for himself at a very early age and has been dependent entirely upon his own resources from that time to the present.

L. D. NORRIS.

The late L. D. Norris was one of the best known and most beloved citizens of Madrid and Boone counties. He was born in Brown township, Vinton county, Ohio, on February 7, 1847, and died in South Dakota, February 27, 1909, at the age of sixty-two years. His parents were Daniel Johnson and Martha (Coe) Norris, the former born in New Hampshire, March 6, 1816, and the latter in Connecticut in 1818. The father died in Arkansas in 1896 and the mother in Nebraska in 1881. They were among the pioneers of Iowa, having come overland in 1854. They first located at Salem in Henry county. The father was a school teacher in that place and for a number of years followed the profession in Iowa. From Henry county the family removed to Nevada, Iowa, when this territory was as yet all prairie and there were but a few log cabins in Nevada. Thence Mr. and Mrs. Norris and family went to Monroe, Jasper county, where they remained for two winters during the war, in 1862 and 1863, and from there they made their way to Dallas county, coming in 1864 to Boone county. Members of the family have made their home in this county since. Mr. and Mrs. Norris, Sr., had four sons and one daughter. The latter was Mrs. C. H. Hayes, who died in Arkansas. The sons were: L. D., of this review; Jacob Chester, born February 1, 1851, who resides in Madrid; H. R., who lives in Oakwood, Oklahoma; and Johnson, who died in infancy. The three eldest children were born in Vinton county, Ohio. H. R. Norris in

Salem, Iowa, and the youngest in Nevada, this state. All were reared and educated in Iowa.

L. D. Norris of this review married in Boone county, March 13, 1870, Miss Elizabeth Hubby, who was born in Cass township, Jones county, Iowa, May 24, 1852. Her parents settled there in 1851, entering land. In 1867 the Hubby family came to Boone county, and here her father resided until his death. Her parents were John and Hannah (Jones) Hubby, natives of Canada, the former having been born in the Dominion in 1800. He died near Madrid in 1879, having survived his wife but a short time, the latter passing away September 4, 1878. To Mr. and Mrs. Hubby were born thirteen children, of whom seven are living: Mrs. Lois Kelley-McCapes, residing in California; John, of Lynch, Nebraska; Mrs. Helen Wagner, of Des Moines; Mrs. Elizabeth Norris; Mrs. Harriett Williams, of Boone county; Mrs. Clara Huffman, of Douglas township; and George, a resident of Boone county.

Mr. and Mrs. Norris became the parents of eight children, all of whom are living. They are: Mrs. Lillian Mills, born January 7, 1871, of Madrid; Mrs. Hannah Johnson, born December 1, 1872, of Des Moines; Edward C., born February 18, 1875, of Minnesota; George H., whose birth occurred March 12, 1877, and who is a resident of South Dakota; Mrs. Dollie Stinehouse, born July 31, 1879, and residing in Madrid, Iowa; Edith, born in 1881, who is teaching school in Madrid; Mrs. Bessie Harleen, born May 22, 1884, residing near Madrid; and Duroc, born February 5, 1888, who makes his home with his mother. All these children were reared in Madrid and received their education in the public schools of that city. The daughters have all followed the profession of teaching and the second son was also engaged along that line.

Mr. Morris was a republican but he never entered public life, although he was deeply interested in the welfare of his nation and the progress of his locality. He was a member of the Christian church of Madrid, to which the widow yet belongs. All members of the family with the exception of one brother own claims in South Dakota and secured the same by locating on them and improving them. Mr. Norris stood high in the estimation of his fellowmen, who appreciated in him a man of character and one who was always ready to extend a helping hand to those in need. His memory is venerated by all who knew him. Not only did he leave his family a competence but an honored name—a name which stood for truthfulness in friendship, loyalty in citizenship and the faithful discharge of all obligations of life.

WILLIAM H. AIRHART.

William H. Airhart is well known in Boone as proprietor of The Regal, which is recognized to be the best equipped billiard parlor in the state of Iowa. His birth occurred in Ogle county, Illinois, on the 16th of August, 1859, his parents being David and Jane (Taylor) Airhart, both of whom were natives of Pennsylvania. They came to Iowa in 1865, locating in Story county, where the father devoted his attention to general agricultural pursuits. In 1896 he came to Boone and here both Mr. and Mrs. David Airhart spent the remainder

of their lives in honorable retirement. Their children were as follows: Rose; Clara and Andrew, both of whom are deceased; William H., of this review; George, a resident of Whittemore, Iowa; Fred, living in Des Moines; Vione, the wife of R. Ballard, of Story county, this state; Julia, who is the wife of William Bell of Boone county; Edward, residing in Boone; and Cora.

When twenty years of age William H. Airhart began farming in Story county, being thus actively engaged until March, 1887, when he came to Boone. Here he entered the train service of the Chicago & Northwestern Railway, continuing with that corporation for a period of about fifteen years. In 1901 he embarked in the feed and coal business but at the end of about three years again turned his attention to agricultural pursuits, following farming for five years. Subsequently he conducted a coal and feed store in Boone for another period of three years and then spent a year in California. Returning to Boone, he opened a select billiard parlor known as The Regal, which has been pronounced by experts to be the best equipped parlor of its kind in the state.

Mr. Airhart has been twice married. On the 8th of August, 1880, he wedded Miss Olive Corey, by whom he had three children, namely: Edward, who is a resident of Boone county; and Harry and Maude, both deceased. The wife and mother was called to her final rest in 1896 and in September, 1898, Mr. Airhart was again married, his second union being with Miss Carrie Low, a native of Pennsylvania.

Mr. Airhart is a socialist in his political views and has served as a member of the city council. His religious faith is that of the Christian church, while fraternally he is identified with the Improved Order of Redmen. He is widely recognized as a substantial and representative citizen of Boone county and is popular by reason of his genial and social qualities which, combined with his genuine personal worth, have won him the high regard of all with whom he has come in contact.

WILHELM DOERDER.

For over four years Wilhelm Doerder has lived retired in Boone after a successful agricultural career in Jackson township. He resides in a handsome home at No. 1818 Boone street, which is his property and where he is surrounded by the comforts of life, to which he is entitled because of his many years of arduous and successful labor. He was born in the province of Silesia, Germany, April 2, 1849, and is a son of Karl and Ernestina (Sanger) Doerder, natives of that province. The father was a cloth weaver and died in his native land about 1900, at the age of sixty-seven years. His wife attained the age of sixty-four. In their family were ten children, eight of whom died during their youth, the only living sister of our subject being Mrs. Hannah Bittner, who resides in Germany.

Wilhelm Doerder received his education in Silesia, laying aside his textbooks when about fourteen years of age. He then worked for farmers living in his neighborhood and also found employment in the coal mines. Being impressed with the opportunities awaiting a young man in the new world, he came to the United States in 1876, sailing from Rotterdam to London and thence



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traveling to Liverpool, where he took the steamship *Abyssinia* to New York. On a later trip this boat went to the bottom of the ocean. When Mr. Doerder began his voyage to America he had little more than the necessary traveling expenses. After arriving in New York he made his way to Nebraska, settling in Lancaster county, where there was a friend living from the old country. The first summer he engaged in farm work, remaining with the friend during the winter, and in the spring joined a party of gold seekers who were bound for the Black Hills of South Dakota. He with five other men walked all the way from Nebraska to the Black Hills, and many times they awoke in the morning to find themselves covered with snow. Mr. Doerder had no blankets and traded a knife to an Indian for a buffalo robe. There he remained only one month, at the end of which time he returned east, walking the whole distance to Boone county, where he worked in the Canfield coal mine in Logan. He then was employed for a few months in the Herman Brewery and subsequently became a section hand on the Northwestern Railroad. Toward the end of the summer he traveled over the country with one Henry Bowman, selling goods. He then worked in Jackson township on the farm of Mrs. John Adix, a widow, whom he married in 1879. Mr. Doerder successfully cultivated this farm until he retired four years ago, moving to Boone on November 10, 1909. He always followed the most modern methods and became prosperous in his farming pursuits.

On April 26, 1879, Mr. Doerder married Mrs. John Adix, who before her marriage was Miss Hannah Goetsch. She was born in Pomerania, Germany, and died April 6, 1914, at the age of seventy-six years. She bore her husband the following children: Albert, who is in charge of the home farm in Jackson township and who married Rosie Linniger, by whom he has one son, Lawrence; and Paulina, who married Lee Koepenhaver, residing near Jordon. By her first marriage Mrs. Doerder had five children: Charles, of Jackson township; William, also a resident of that township; John, who makes his home in Harrison township; Kate, who married John Murken, of Harrison township; and Ida, the wife of Joseph F. Gutt of Boone. Mr. Doerder enjoys the full confidence of all those who know him and is well entitled to the respect and esteem which he receives on all sides because of his manly qualities of character and the success which he has achieved in life.

CHARLES E. ROGERS.

Charles E. Rogers, senior member of the firm of Rogers & Dodge of Boone, is profitably engaged in the auto repair and general machinery business and enjoys a reputation as one of the most substantial business men of the city. He was born January 6, 1875, at Fort Dodge, Cooper township, Webster county, Iowa, his parents being George W. and Emma R. (Wood) Rogers. The paternal grandfather, Daniel Rogers, was born in England, near the Wales line, and was a farmer by occupation. He came to the United States with his wife and three children, the family landing in New York, whence they went to Baltimore, making their home near that city for about ten years. They subsequently located on a farm near Wheeling, West Virginia, where the grandfather remained until his

death in 1896, at the age of ninety-three years. His wife, Elizabeth Rogers, attained the remarkable age of one hundred and three years, passing away at the home of her son John in Minneapolis, Minnesota. In their family were the following children: Mary, who married John Hirschberger and resides at Elk Garden, West Virginia, at the age of eighty-three; George W., the father of our subject; Sarah, who married John Glidden and lives at Cherokee, Iowa, at the age of seventy-one; Elizabeth, who died at the age of eighteen years; James, of Portland, Oregon, who married Lucy Johnson; John, of Minneapolis, Minnesota; Benjamin, of Pipeston, Minnesota; David, of Minneapolis; and Lucy, who married John Bailey, their residence being Elk Gardens, West Virginia.

George W. Rogers, who was born in England in 1839, came with his parents to the United States when ten years old. He attended the common schools of his native country and America, but his educational advantages were limited by circumstances and the conditions of the time. He earned his first wages as a driver of a supply team in Wheeling, West Virginia, delivering goods to points within a radius of one hundred and fifty to two hundred miles from that city. In April, 1861, he enlisted as a private in Company H, Eleventh West Virginia Volunteer Heavy Artillery, and served until the close of the war, being veteranized after eighteen months. He held the rank of chief gunner at the time of his discharge and after the war was over became a bridge builder for the Pennsylvania Railroad Company. In 1866 he removed to Fort Dodge, Iowa, homesteading one hundred and sixty acres in Cooper township and proving up his claim. However, he never developed the land but for two years engaged in the cigar business at Fort Dodge. He then turned his attention to the coal business there until 1907, but now lives retired at Marshalltown, Iowa. The father has been a lifelong republican, staunchly upholding the principles of that party. Although prominent in his community, he has never sought office, preferring to work for the good of his fellowmen as a private citizen. Both he and his wife attend the Methodist Episcopal church. They had the following children: Charles E., of this review; Gertrude, who died at the age of nine years; Nettie, who was three years old when she passed away; Henry, who died in infancy; William G., a resident of Superior, Wisconsin, who married Mary Dyson; Ellen C., who married Charles Wolcott and resides in New Hampshire; and Edith I., the wife of Melvin Wooley, of Ceylon, Minnesota.

Charles E. Rogers was educated in the schools of Fort Dodge, which he attended until sixteen years of age. He entered upon his business career in the employ of the Northwestern Railway, remaining with that company for some time. He was then for six months a seaman on the Great Lakes, being subsequently promoted to the position of mate on the sailing vessel *Driver*, a schooner going out of Sheboygan, Wisconsin. After this he was connected with a machine shop in Sheboygan and subsequently held similar positions in Des Moines, various places in Minnesota and in other parts of the country. In September, 1912, he became independent by opening his present repair shop as a member of the firm of Rogers & Dodge. He shortly after bought out his partner but again became associated with Mr. Dodge in February, 1914. They do a general repair business and enjoy a high reputation for excellent workmanship. Moreover, both are business men of no mean qualifications and enjoy the confidence and

respect of all those who have transactions with them. Good work at fair prices has been their motto and they have gained a large patronage by adhering to this policy.

On June 21, 1905, Mr. Rogers married Miss Ellen Taylor of Des Moines, a daughter of William and Elizabeth (Kavanaugh) Taylor. Mr. and Mrs. Rogers have two sons: Gilbert T., born October 26, 1907; and William Charles, July 16, 1910. The parents are members of the Presbyterian church and Mr. Rogers gives his adherence to the republican party. He is interested in all movements undertaken to promote the growth of the city and readily gives his support toward material and moral advancement. Although he has not lived in Boone many years, he has already made many friends who esteem him as an earnest, conscientious and progressive business man and citizen.

MATHIAS J. REILLY.

One of the important business enterprises of Boone is that which is incorporated and conducted under the name of the Leader Grocery & Market Company, in which Mathias J. Reilly is the senior partner. His name has long been a familiar one in the trade circles of the city and stands as a synonym for progressive methods, his establishment largely setting the standard for activity in other business houses of Boone.

Mr. Reilly was born in Utica, New York, April 5, 1859, and is a son of Lawrence and Bridget Reilly, both of whom were natives of Ireland. It was in the year 1848 that the father bade adieu to friends and native land and sailed for the new world. He established his home in Utica, New York, where he was well known as a railroad man for a number of years. In 1869 he arrived in Iowa and for a year thereafter engaged in railroading. Subsequently he turned his attention to farming, which he followed for several years, being thus engaged to the time of his death, which occurred in 1887. His wife survived him for many years and passed away on the 19th of March, 1905.

Mathias J. Reilly was reared on the old home farm and at the age of twenty-one was still upon his father's place in Harrison township. Upon the solicitation of Mr. Schroeder, however, he left the farm and entered the Schroeder meat market at Boone. This was about 1880. He remained in that employ for three years and in 1883 embarked in business on his own account as proprietor of a meat market, in which he had L. D. Sparks as a partner, their interests being conducted under the firm name of Sparks & Reilly. At length Mr. Reilly sold out to Mr. Sparks and entered the T. P. Rogers grocery, with which he continued for about a year. He next sold out and later entered into partnership with A. S. Tarrow. In 1891, however, he purchased the business of his partner and for about twenty-one years was alone, but in January, 1912, he incorporated the business under the name of the Leader Grocery & Market Company. In this undertaking he is associated with Severt Teasdahl, Charles Rafferty, Cleo Elliott, Ed Ray and his daughter Marie. The business is now an extensive one and is growing year by year. A large and well selected line of staple and fancy

groceries is carried, and equal excellence is maintained in the market. This insures a liberal patronage, and the success of the house is very gratifying.

In January, 1884, Mr. Reilly was united in marriage to Miss Mary Hamilton, a native of Clinton county, Iowa, and unto them have been born five children: Grace; Leo, who died in childhood; Marie; Leonard; and John. The religious faith of the family is that of the Catholic church, to which Mr. Reilly loyally adheres. He belongs to the Knights of Columbus and also holds membership with the Yeomen, the Workmen and the Woodmen. His political support is given the republican party and for four years he served as a member of the city council. Diligence and determination have been among his salient characteristics and have been manifest with equal result in behalf of the general welfare and in advancing his individual success.

L. W. ADIX.

For many years L. W. Adix successfully followed farming in Yell township, Boone county, but he now lives retired in the city of Boone in the enjoyment of a competency which he has well earned. He was born in Mecklenburg-Schwerin, Germany, March 4, 1833, and is now in the eighty-second year of his age. He is a son of John Jacob and Friedericka Elizabeth (Schmidt) Adix, both natives of Mecklenburg. The father was a wagonmaker by trade and established himself independently in that line of business. He died in 1842, at the age of forty-five years, his widow surviving him until her death, which occurred when she was seventy-two years of age. Of their children two died in infancy, the others being: Sophia, who married in Germany and subsequently came to the United States, locating in Austin county, Texas, where she passed away; Mary, who married Gottlieb Days, residing in Dane county, Wisconsin; Dora, who married Daniel Fitzgerald, of Boone, both having passed away; L. W., of this review; and Frank, who resided in Boone county for many years and died here.

L. W. Adix was but nine years of age when his father died. He attended school until fourteen and then learned the trade of marble worker in Mecklenburg. At the father's death the mother was left with six children and our subject greatly assisted her in rearing the family. In 1854 they decided to emigrate to America and sailed from Hamburg, Germany, to New York on a sailing vessel, the voyage taking nine weeks. They at first lived in Milwaukee, Wisconsin, for a short time and then removed to Madison, that state, Mr. Adix turning his hand to any honest labor which he could find to do. In October, 1865, the family arrived in Boone, Iowa, where he established himself as a builder and contractor of houses, engaging in that business for about three years. He then married and in 1869 bought a farm in Yell township, comprising eighty acres. He set himself immediately to the work of placing this land under cultivation and so prospered in his affairs that he subsequently added one tract of forty and another of eighty acres to his holdings. There he farmed for thirty years, bringing his fields to a high state of productivity and erecting substantial and modern buildings. He was a leader in agricultural pursuits there and



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largely contributed toward the development of his section. In 1900 he retired from active life and removed to Boone to enjoy a well earned competency.

In Madison, Wisconsin, Mr. Adix married Miss Fredericka Krogman, who was born in Mecklenburg-Schwerin, Germany, November 13, 1841. She was thirteen years of age when she came with her parents to the United States and grew to womanhood in Madison. Her father, Louis Krogman, was a shepherd in Germany, where he married Louisa Schmidt. He was a man well along in years when he emigrated to America and his death occurred in Madison, Wisconsin. He and his wife had the following children: Minnie, who married Levi Carp and died in Madison; Christian, who was also married and died near that city; and Mrs. Adix. The children of Mr. and Mrs. Adix are: Bertha, the widow of William Wolf, of Yell township; Louis, who married Rosetta Phipps and resides near Ogden; Lizzie, the wife of Marion McCoskey, of Marietta, Minnesota; Minnie, the wife of Joseph Wagner, of Marietta; Frank, of Boone, who married Lizzie Reinhart; and Albert, who married Katrina Kampf and resides in Boone.

Mr. and Mrs. Adix are both devout members of the Lutheran church. Politically the former has always supported the democratic party but has never aspired to public office. He and his wife reside in a handsome home at No. 1511 Boone street, Boone, and there they often entertain their many friends. Both are highly esteemed by all who know them and are venerated as early pioneers who came to Iowa when civilization was yet in its infancy and both contributed largely toward that development by which the present prosperous conditions have become a reality.

WILLIAM S. GRAY.

William S. Gray enjoys an extensive patronage as a hardware merchant of Ogden and has won an enviable reputation as a straightforward and reliable business man. His birth occurred in Tipton, Cedar county, Iowa, on the 21st of September, 1875, his parents being Alex and Ann (Shearer) Gray, both of whom were natives of Scotland. They emigrated to the United States in the '40s. Alex Gray, who was a miller by trade, followed that occupation for some time or until he removed to Johnson county, Iowa, where he devoted his attention to agricultural pursuits for nine years. In 1893 he came to Boone county, this state, and purchased a tract of land which he cultivated during the remainder of his life. In his demise, which occurred on the 16th of December, 1904, the community lost one of its substantial and esteemed citizens. His widow survives.

William S. Gray was reared and educated in Johnson and Boone counties of Iowa, remaining under the parental roof until he had attained his majority. He then pursued a course of study in a commercial college of Omaha and was subsequently employed as a traveling salesman for five years. On the expiration of that period he went to Oklahoma and for three years carried on business as a plumber of Enid. The next two years were spent as a traveling salesman and then he came to Ogden, Iowa, here embarking in the hardware business in

partnership with A. G. Howe. Subsequently he purchased his partner's interest and has since continued in business alone. He carries a large stock of shelf and heavy hardware and is accorded a liberal and well merited patronage. He owns the double-store building of two stories in which the business is conducted and is widely recognized as one of the prosperous, enterprising and representative merchants of the county.

On the 1st of June, 1912, Mr. Gray was united in marriage to Miss Ailene Farnham, a daughter of N. H. and Eleanor (Gardner) Farnham, who were pioneer settlers of Wisconsin. The father now makes his home in Idaho, but the mother passed away in 1906. Mr. and Mrs. Gray have one child, Elaine F., who is a year old.

GEORGE H. LAWTON.

George H. Lawton has lived in Boone county for fifty-eight years and is the owner of a well improved farm of eighty acres on section 20, Yell township. His birth occurred in Elizabethtown, Ohio, on the 10th of September, 1852, his parents being Alfred and Jane (Stewart) Lawton, who were natives of New York and Ohio respectively. The father, a blacksmith by trade, conducted a shop in Ohio until 1856 and then, because of impaired health, came west to Boone county, Iowa, purchasing a farm in Marcy township. He improved the property and began its operation, also conducting a blacksmith shop on the farm for six years. On the expiration of that period he disposed of the place and bought one hundred and twenty acres of land in Yell township, part of which is now in possession of our subject. He likewise improved the latter tract and was busily engaged in its operation for many years or until he put aside the active work of the fields and took up his abode in Ogden, where he lived retired until his death in October, 1896. The period of his residence in this county covered four decades and he had gained enviable recognition as one of its substantial agriculturists and esteemed citizens. The demise of his wife occurred in October, 1890.

George H. Lawton, who was but four years of age when he came to this county with his parents, attended the district schools in the acquirement of an education. When twenty-four years of age he purchased eighty acres of the home farm, on section 20, Yell township, and has since devoted his time and energies to its further cultivation and improvement with the exception of a period of five years spent as the proprietor of a meat market in Boone. As progressive ideas have guided him in his work, and industry has been the force which has put them into constant practice, it is but in the natural course of events that Mr. Lawton should be accounted one of the prosperous farmers of the community.

On the 5th of April, 1881, Mr. Lawton was united in marriage to Miss Rosa Wilkins, her parents being George and Sarah A. (Osmer) Wilkins, both of whom were natives of England. They emigrated to the United States in 1867, locating in Sterling, Illinois, where Mr. Wilkins followed farming until 1880, when he came to Boone county, Iowa. Here he operated a farm for two years and on

the expiration of that period returned to Illinois, purchasing a tract of land near Sterling which he cultivated during the remainder of his life. His demise occurred on the 7th of March, 1909, while his wife was called to her final rest in November, 1912. Unto Mr. and Mrs. Lawton were born eight children, as follows: Oscar, who passed away in 1882; Henry Owen, whose demise occurred in 1884; Pearl, who died in the year 1892; Anna Mabel, who passed away in 1894; one who died in infancy, in January, 1897; George A., a Methodist minister of Evanston, Illinois; Edgar, at home; and Olive, who is attending school at Ogden.

In politics Mr. Lawton has always been a staunch republican. The cause of education has ever found in him a stalwart champion and for five years he served as secretary of the school board. His religious faith is that of the Methodist church. His entire career has been characterized by high ideals and noble principles and in every relation of life his record has ever measured up to a high standard of honorable manhood.

REV. CARL E. JIPP.

For many years the late Rev. Carl E. Jipp was in charge of the German Lutheran church at Ogden and his Christian activities were of untold value to the many who came under his teachings and instructions. He was born in Germany, August 15, 1864, a son of Christian and Sophia (Hammerich) Jipp, both natives of the fatherland. Christian Jipp passed away in his native land, and his wife subsequently came to America, making her home at Wilton, Iowa, where she resided with her son until her death.

Carl E. Jipp was reared and educated in Germany, leaving his native land at the age of fourteen and crossing the ocean to America. He located at Wilton, Iowa, where he had relatives, and there he remained until twenty-one years of age. He then entered Concordia College at Springfield, Illinois, and studied for the ministry. He graduated from that institution with the class of 1893 and then received a call to Coon Rapids, Iowa, where he remained for a year. At the end of that period a pulpit at Ogden was offered him, and he accepted the charge of the German Lutheran church at this city. He continued in this charge for about seventeen years, or until his death. His influence upon the community was a decided factor in the upbuilding of religion and morality in his city. Rev. Jipp not only preached Christianity but all his actions were permeated by Christian principles. He entertained deep love for his fellowmen and he was ever ready to hold out a helpful hand to those who struggled on life's pathway. Many were the ones who received encouragement from him and who under his stimulating guidance took on new hope and succeeded in overcoming life's serious struggles. His friends in Ogden—friends not only of his faith but adhering to other religions—were many and all entertained for him the highest regard and veneration. When he died July 15, 1911, sorrow entered into many homes of his city, for all who knew him realized that they had lost a true friend.

On May 23, 1894, Rev. Jipp was united in marriage to Lena A. Nanke, a daughter of Gustaf and Ernestina (Neuman) Nanke, natives of Germany, who at an early day settled in Keokuk county, Iowa, where the father successfully

followed agricultural pursuits during the remainder of his life. He died in 1900, having survived his wife for twenty-one years, the latter passing away in 1879. Rev. and Mrs. Jipp had nine children: Frieda; Marie; Carl; Lena; Walter; Alma; Luella; Louise; and Ernest, who died in 1896.

Rev. Jipp was not only interested in the spiritual welfare of his charges but always concerned himself in the material development of Ogden and would readily give his support to measures which had for their purpose the advancement of the city. His political allegiance was given the democratic party. Mrs. Jipp, who survives him, owns a handsome residence in Ogden and a valuable farm in Osceola county, Iowa. She has many friends in her city, who esteem in her a lady of the highest womanly qualities of character.

HENRY SCHROEDER.

Henry Schroeder is proprietor of a large grocery store and meat market in Boone. Watchful of all indications pointing to success, he has so conducted his affairs that substantial returns have accrued and he is now one of the prosperous merchants of the city. His birth occurred in Schleswig-Holstein, Germany, September 17, 1847, his parents being Henry and Katrina (Lentz) Schroeder, who were also natives of that country. When nineteen years of age Henry Schroeder of this review left Germany in company with his brother Andrew Schroeder, then seventeen years of age, and sailed for the new world in 1867. Later the parents of our subject also crossed the Atlantic and came to Iowa, settling at Wheatland, Clinton county, where their two sons had preceded them. The father was a farmer by occupation, devoting his entire life to the work of tilling the fields. Unto him and his wife were born six children: John, deceased; Hans, who died in Britt, Iowa, February 8, 1914; Adolph, who was a fireman on the Northwestern Railroad and was killed in an accident in 1882, leaving a widow and five children, residents of Boone; Victoria Elizabeth, the wife of Peter Umland, of Fort Dodge, Iowa; Henry, of this review; and Andrew, who is living at Rushmore, Minnesota.

When Henry and Andrew Schroeder reached the new world their combined cash capital consisted of but eleven cents. It had taken them seven weeks and five days to cross the ocean, so slow was the sailing vessel on which they were passengers. Their financial condition rendered immediate employment a necessity and they hired out to a dairy farmer of New Jersey, working for ten dollars per month. On leaving the east Henry Schroeder made his way to Wheatland, Iowa, covering the distance on foot from Davenport, thirty miles away. An uncle, Andrew Lentz, lived in Wheatland, where he was proprietor of a brick and tile works. Mr. Schroeder joined his uncle and afterward telegraphed for his brother in New York, who finally arrived upon the scene. Mr. Schroeder was somewhat handicapped after coming to this state, for his health gave way and he was ill for five weeks. As soon as possible, however, he began work as a farm hand. It was in the following spring that the father arrived and a year later sent for the others of the family. In the fall of 1869 Henry Schroeder came to Boone county, where he located upon a farm, where he lived until

1871. He rented eighty acres of land for a year, his brother Adolph and his wife taking up their abode with him, the lady managing the affairs of the household.

On the 14th of August, 1871, Mr. Schroeder was united in marriage to Miss Wilhelmina Brugerman, who was a native of Germany and came to the United States in 1869. In the year of his marriage Mr. Schroeder left the farm and removed to Boone, where he spent one year in the brewery of J. E. Herman. He then embarked in the butchering business on his own account and afterward added a stock of groceries. He now has one of the leading establishments in this city, conducting a large and growing trade. Many of his patrons have been with him through all the intervening years, a fact which indicates his honorable business dealing and his enterprising methods.

To Mr. and Mrs. Schroeder have been born six children: Andrew, who is now engaged in business with his father; Henry, who is conducting a wholesale liquor house in Boone; Laura, the wife of J. P. Dougherty, of Colorado; Mary, at home; John, who died in September, 1901; and Katrina, at home. The family is well known in Boone, where they have an extensive circle of warm friends. Their religious faith is that of the German Lutheran church and aside from his membership therein Mr. Schroeder is also connected with the Woodmen of the World and the Independent Order of Odd Fellows. Politically he is a democrat and has served on the city council. He stands for all that tends to promote the progress and upbuilding of the city and has given active support and financial aid to many movements that have greatly furthered the interests of Boone. He is today one of the older merchants of Boone and is justly accounted one of the self-made men. His life history proves that enterprise and determination are a sure foundation upon which to build prosperity, for those are the qualities which he has employed in advancing toward his present enviable position as a business man.

C. H. LAST.

C. H. Last, who was actively engaged in agricultural pursuits in Boone county for a number of years, has lived retired in Beaver since the spring of 1913. His birth occurred in England on the 16th of August, 1872, his parents being Richard J. and Rebecca (Garnham) Last, who were likewise natives of that country. The father, who followed farming in England throughout his entire business career, passed away in that country in 1884. The demise of the mother occurred in the year 1913.

C. H. Last was reared and educated in his native land and when twelve years of age left the parental roof to live with an uncle. He worked in a store in England for one year. In 1890, when a young man of seventeen, he crossed the Atlantic to the United States, locating in Champaign county, Illinois, where for two years he was employed as farm hand. On the expiration of that period he came to Boone county, Iowa, and here continued as a farm hand for one year. He then rented a tract of land in Amaqua township and cultivated the same for eight years, at the end of which time he purchased one hundred and

sixty acres in the same township and began the improvement of the property. The operation of that tract claimed his attention for a number of years, and he annually gathered rich harvests which found a ready sale on the market. In the spring of 1913, having accumulated a comfortable competence, he put aside the active work of the fields, disposed of his farm and took up his abode in Beaver, where he purchased an attractive residence and has since lived in honorable retirement.

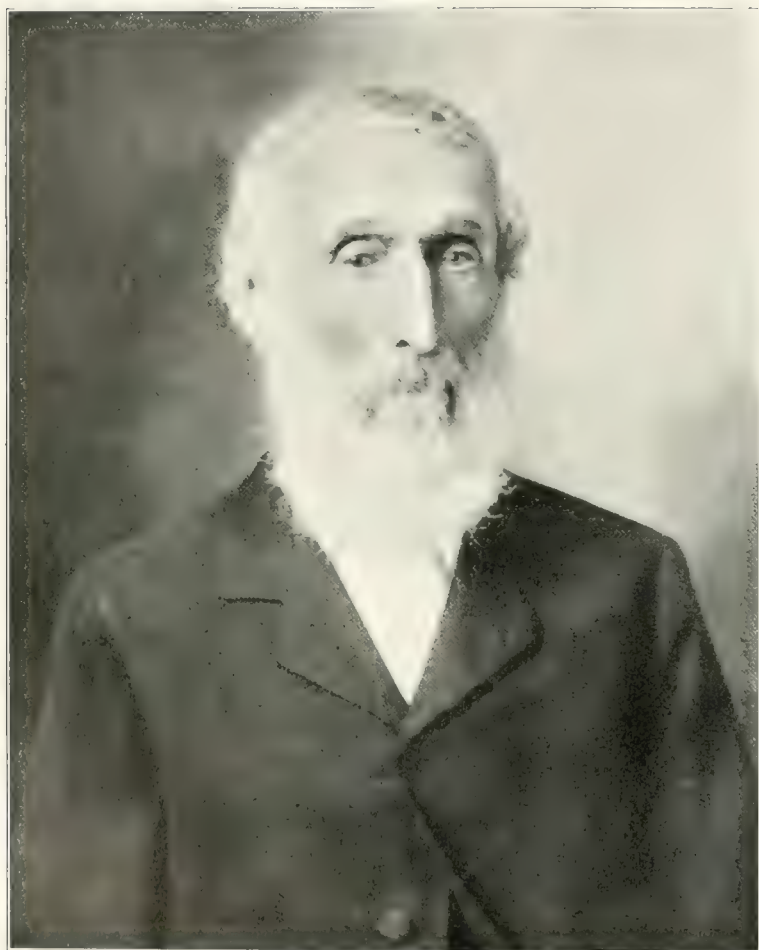
In November, 1895, Mr. Last was joined in wedlock to Miss Mary Bakely, a daughter of Paul and Catherine (Agnew) Bakely, both of whom were natives of Germany. They emigrated to the United States and located in Ohio, where Mr. Bakely was engaged in agricultural pursuits until 1872. In that year he came to this county and purchased and improved a tract of land which he cultivated until his death in November, 1901. His widow has attained the age of eighty-one years and resides in Beaver, this county. Mr. Last is a republican in politics and a Methodist in religious faith. Both he and his wife enjoy an extensive and favorable acquaintance in the community and well merit the regard and esteem which are uniformly accorded them.

THOMAS SPARKS.

Thomas Sparks was one of Boone county's pioneers, settling permanently in Boonesboro in 1852. From that year until his death he continuously resided in this neighborhood, passing away in August, 1909, in his ninety-fourth year. He had taken up his residence in the city of Boone several years before his death, his widow now making her home at No. 116 Benton street.

Mr. Sparks was born in Pennsylvania, near Brownsville, December 23, 1815, and as a boy of ten years removed with his parents to Tuscarawas county, where his father was engaged in the cultivation of a farm. When about twenty years of age Mr. Sparks of this review returned to his mother's people in Pennsylvania, where he completed his education and also taught school. Later he took up the same profession in Iowa, in Pottawattamie county. He made his first trip to Boone county in 1847 or 1848 and entered eighty acres of land but did not remain at that time. In 1852 he married in Pennsylvania and subsequently located six miles south of Boone in Worth township, this farm remaining his home until the fall of 1903. The original homestead comprised eighty acres, and he also owned one hundred and twenty acres of timber, and later bought another eighty acres, his total holdings consisting of two hundred and eighty acres. When Mr. Sparks arrived here his land was raw prairie, but he set himself to its cultivation and as the years passed developed one of the most valuable farms in his neighborhood. He had given considerable attention to surveying and was elected the first county surveyor of Boone county, laying out Boonesboro. From 1903 until his death he resided at No. 621 Tenth street, Boone, and there passed away.

On March 15, 1852, Thomas Sparks married, in Fayette county, Pennsylvania, Miss Esther Ann Dunn, a native of that state, who was born November 9, 1828. She accompanied her husband on the trip to Iowa, the journey being



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made by way of the Ohio and Mississippi rivers and by ox teams from Keokuk. Their first home in Worth township was a log cabin, and later Mr. Sparks there built one of the first frame houses, the entire building being constructed of native walnut. In their family were the following children. L. D., of Boone; F. C., a widower and also a resident of this city, his daughter Gladys making her home at Ames; Asenath D., who is the widow of Lewis Fisher, Jr., and has two children; John C., an engineer of the Northwestern Railroad for years and a resident of Boone, who has one son; Mrs. Nettie J. Hitsman, who lives near Luther, Boone county, and has two children; Robert, a railroad employe who makes his headquarters in Kansas City; Playford, of Boone, who has been twice married and has two children by his first union; Frank, who died as a soldier in Manila during the Spanish-American war and left a widow and a child, the former now also deceased; Eugene V., who was a ranchman of Colorado, where he passed away, leaving a widow; and two who died in infancy.

Mr. Sparks was a stanch whig but later voted the democratic and subsequently the republican ticket. He lived to the ripe old age of ninety-three years and in him the city of Boone mourned one of the veteran pioneers of this district.

His widow sold one of the farms after his death and bought a home at No. 116 Benton street, where she now resides. There her son, F. C. Sparks, also lives. He was born February 11, 1854, and married Miss Anna Likely, who died in 1900, leaving one daughter. Mrs. F. C. Sparks' parents were among the early settlers near Fort Madison, Iowa. Mrs. Thomas Sparks and her son are members of the Methodist Episcopal church, the former having been connected with that organization since she was fifteen years of age. She first attended services at the Brown schoolhouse and later at the Boone schoolhouse near their home. She also was a member of a class at the Gildey school, then attending services at the College Chapel church and later at the Methodist Episcopal church at Luther but now is a member of the Methodist Episcopal church of Boone. She is now nearing her eighty-sixth birthday, yet she is energetic and agile and still participates in many of the activities of life.

LEWIS BOONE.

Lewis Boone, a representative of the family in whose honor the county of Boone was named, was born in Worth township, this county, on the 11th of October, 1861. His parents, Tyler and Mary (Nutt) Boone, were both natives of Putnam county, Indiana, and took up their abode among the earliest settlers of Boone county, Iowa. The family came overland to this county from Indiana, its representatives settling in Worth township and also in Des Moines township. Tyler Boone, the father of our subject, still resides in Worth township, but the mother there passed away in 1903. Their children are five in number, as follows: Lewis, of this review; Philip, who is a resident of Athberton, Montana; Mrs. Julia Luther, living in Sioux City, Iowa; Mrs. Eva Burlingame, who makes her home in Madrid, Iowa; Mrs. Minnie Hull, of Worth township. All were born and reared in Worth township, this county.

Lewis Boone grew to manhood in his native county and attended the common schools in the acquirement of an education. He was actively engaged in general agricultural pursuits until 1902, when he came to Madrid and for the past twelve years has there been employed as a laborer.

In Worth township Mr. Boone was united in marriage to Miss Elizabeth Dyer, a native of Coles county, Illinois, and a daughter of Joseph and Nancy Dyer, who took up their abode among the earliest settlers of Boone county, Iowa, locating in Worth township, where they spent the remainder of their lives. They had twelve children, five of whom survive, namely: Mrs. Anna Hurley, of Greene county, Iowa; Mrs. Elizabeth Boone; Mrs. Vina Huffman, a resident of Worth township; Lawrence, living in Colfax township; and Matthew, of Worth township. All were reared in this county. Mr. and Mrs. Boone have two sons: William, who was born June 17, 1885, and resides with his parents in Madrid; and Roe, born December 14, 1890, who is a resident of Dubuque county, Iowa. Both were born, reared and educated in Worth township.

Mr. Boone gives his political allegiance to the republican party and has ably served as a member of the school board in Worth township. He is identified fraternally with the Modern Woodmen of America at Madrid, and both he and his wife are devoted members of the Christian church of Worth township. Mr. Boone has spent his entire life within the borders of this county and enjoys an extensive acquaintance here. His family is directly descended from Daniel Boone and was represented among the pioneer settlers of both Indiana and Iowa.

HORACE C. PAYNE.

Horace C. Payne is a partner in a large and profitable livery business of Boone, conducted under the name of Payne Brothers. He was born in this city in July, 1876, a son of Samuel Payne, of whom mention is made on another page of this work. The public schools afforded him his early educational privileges, and he afterward attended a business college. He then embarked in merchandising and subsequently learned the jeweler's trade, which he followed for six years. Then, on account of ill health, he turned his attention to the buying and selling of horses, handling only those of high grade. A mare which he sold for two hundred and fifty dollars was three years later sold to the Vanderbilts, together with three others as a four-in-hand team, for fifty thousand dollars. In 1903 Horace C. Payne purchased a third interest in a livery business in connection with his father and brother. He is now in line for the position of government buyer of horses and mules for the army. The livery stable conducted by Payne Brothers is a large and well equipped one and they own a number of excellent horses and a fine line of carriages. They make it their purpose to please their patrons, and their business has now reached large and gratifying proportions.

On the 22d of April, 1901, Mr. Payne was united in marriage to Miss Rose M. Parkin, a native of Indiana, and unto them have been born two children: William P., born April 5, 1902; and Josephine, born in November, 1908. Mr.

Payne votes with the democratic party and keeps well informed on the questions and issues of the day, but does not seek nor desire office. Fraternally he is an Elk, and he also belongs to the Yeomen, while his religious belief is that of the Episcopal church. He has many friends in this city, where his entire life has been passed and where the genuine worth of his character has won recognition in the loyal regard of many with whom he has been brought in contact.

OSCAR WILLIAM WESTERSTROM.

Oscar William Westerstrom is a successful stone, brick and cement contractor of Madrid. He is a native of Boone county, his birth having occurred in Elk Rapids, May 21, 1876. His parents were Gustav William and Johanna Sophia (Sell) Westerstrom, the former born in Sweden, July 5, 1839, and the latter in the same country June 22, 1849. The father is living in Madrid, but his wife passed away in that city on March 30, 1896. Their marriage took place in Rockford, Illinois, in 1869 and six children were born to them: Anna Olivia, who was born February 12, 1870, and died in Madrid, January 6, 1891; Mrs. Emma Sophia Hultman, born March 18, 1872, of Madrid; Mrs. Nellie Otilia Alsin, born April 5, 1874, the wife of Carl A. Alsin; Oscar William, of this review; Henry Martin, born August 26, 1879, who died in 1880; and Henry Elmer, born on May 8, 1882, residing in Madrid. The three eldest children were born in Rockford, Illinois, and the younger ones in Boone county, where all were reared and educated.

Oscar William Westerstrom attended the public schools of Madrid. His father was a mason, and he applied himself to the same trade, learning the business under the direction of the father. Mr. Westerstrom is at present a most successful stone, brick and cement contractor of Madrid, his services being in great demand. He is an able business man and highly efficient in his line of work. He enjoys the confidence of all who have business transactions with him because of his fair and honest methods.

On August 23, 1899, Mr. Westerstrom married Miss Ethel Westerberg, who was born in Garden township, Boone county, March 1, 1878. She is a daughter of A. P. and Emma Lundahl Anderson Westerberg, who were natives of Sweden, the former born in Westergotland on the 17th of July, 1840. When sixteen years old he was confirmed in the Lutheran church, and when a young man of twenty-six he emigrated to the United States, locating in Boone, Iowa, in 1866. He first was connected with the bridge-building department of the Chicago & Northwestern Railway, continuing with that corporation for nine years. He then bought a tract of one hundred and twenty acres in Garden township, where he successfully followed agricultural pursuits, gradually extending his farm until it embraced two hundred acres. He passed away in Madrid on the 22d of September, 1909, highly esteemed and respected by his fellow citizens. His wife died on the old home farm in Garden township and he subsequently married Mrs. Christina Westland, who bore him a son, Lester Roosevelt Westerberg, a resident of Madrid. By his first union he had eight children: Mrs. Maude Sundberg, who resides in Garden township; A. R. Westerberg, a prominent resident

of Madrid; Mrs. Ethel Westerstrom; Frank, a resident of Boone; Mrs. Esther Krantz, of Madrid; Edwin, of Longmont, Colorado; Mrs. Blanche Peterson, who makes her home in Garden township; and Zylph, deceased. All these children were born and reared in Garden township.

Mr. and Mrs. Westerstrom have two children: Edna Gertrude, born August 14, 1900; and Russell William Theodore, born February 16, 1906. Both are attending the public schools of Madrid. Mr. and Mrs. Westerstrom are members of St. John's Lutheran church, to which they give their moral and material support. They live in a handsomely furnished home in Madrid, besides which Mr. Westerstrom owns valuable personal property. Politically he is a republican, well conversant with the public issues of the day, although he has never cared to enter the political arena. He has many friends in Madrid, enjoys the highest reputation in business circles and socially is very popular.

PETER T. NELSON.

Peter T. Nelson, a resident of Boone for the past forty-five years, has been actively engaged in the lumber business here for three decades and is now at the head of the well known firm of P. T. Nelson & Sons. His birth occurred in Sweden on the 28th of March, 1845, his parents being Thorkel and Ellen (Peterson) Nelson, who were likewise natives of that country and have passed away. To them were born six children, as follows: Nelse, Andrew T. and Olaf, all of whom are deceased; Peter T., of this review; John T., a resident of Los Angeles, California; and Hans T., living in Boone, Iowa.

Peter T. Nelson became identified with the milling business when a youth of sixteen and was thus engaged until he had attained the age of twenty-three. In 1869 he emigrated to the United States and took up his abode in Boone, Iowa, being here employed at railroad work for three years. Subsequently he spent twelve years at the tailor's trade and on the expiration of that period embarked in the lumber business, in which he has been engaged continuously and successfully since. He purchased an interest in the Farrow Lumber Company and in 1905 bought out his associates and admitted his two sons, Emil L. and Alfred E., to a partnership. The firm has since conducted business under the style of P. T. Nelson & Sons and is a successful enterprise, its members being widely recognized as men of excellent executive ability, sound judgment and unsailable integrity.

On the 26th of November, 1872, Mr. Nelson was united in marriage to Miss Lizzie Norlin, who passed away in 1893 and who bore him six children, namely: Charles and Edward, both of whom are deceased; Emil L. and Alfred E., who are associated with their father in business; Nellie, the wife of A. F. Nelson, of Boone; and Arthur, who has passed away. On the 6th of January, 1897, Mr. Nelson was again married, his second union being with Miss Augusta Gustafson.

In his political views Mr. Nelson is independent, supporting men and measures rather than party. He has never sought nor desired the honors and emoluments of office, preferring to devote his entire attention to his business interests, which have brought him well merited prosperity. He is now the only surviving or-

ganizer of the Swedish Mission church and still resides on the same lot where he was first married more than four decades ago. Coming to the new world in early manhood, he eagerly availed himself of the opportunities here afforded and worked his way steadily upward to a foremost place among the substantial and respected citizens of Boone county.

RICHARD F. SMALLEY.

Richard F. Smalley, who has lived retired in Boone for the past seven years, was busily engaged in the pursuits of farming and stock-raising in this county throughout his active business career and still owns a quarter section of land in Jackson township. His birth occurred in Illinois on the 16th of December, 1841, his parents being Edward and Susan (Wiley) Smalley, natives of Ohio. They came to Iowa in 1854 but a short time later removed to Minnesota. In 1867, however, they returned to Boone county and the following year Mr. Smalley here purchased a farm of one hundred and twenty acres. To him and his wife were born eight children, as follows: Sarah Ann, who is the widow of Duane Bentley and resides in Boone; Thomas J., a resident of Des Moines township, Boone county; Richard F., of this review; Mary E., who is deceased, as is also her husband, Hosea Bullard of Winneshiek county; Malinda, the wife of Charles W. Mix, of Sumner, Iowa; Catherine, who gave her hand in marriage to T. J. Murphy, of Norman, Oklahoma; Harriet E., who is the widow of Harvey Casteel and resides in Dodge township, this county; and William, of Jackson township, this county.

Richard F. Smalley devoted his attention to agriculture throughout his active business career, following the pursuits of farming and stock-raising with excellent success. In 1907 he removed to Boone, purchasing a residence at No. 2129 Story street, where he has since lived retired in well earned ease. He still owns one hundred and sixty acres of valuable and productive land in Jackson township and has long been numbered among the prosperous and representative citizens of the community.

On the 23d of March, 1868, Mr. Smalley was united in marriage to Miss Ellen E. Bentley, her parents being Thomas and Paulina (Churchill) Bentley, the former a native of New York and the latter of Vermont. In their family were thirteen children, namely: Allison D. and Levina P., both of whom are deceased; Marcus L., a resident of Boone; Layton B., also living in Boone; Adelia M., who is the widow of H. J. Ehrhart and resides in Boone; Edward J., of Marshalltown; Mrs. Ellen Smalley; George W., who is deceased; Charles A., residing in Boone; Gardner A., who makes his home in Webster City, Iowa; Elmer, residing in Fraser, Iowa; Frank, of Webster City, this state; and Mary, the wife of William Smalley, of Jackson township, Boone county.

Mr. and Mrs. Smalley have six children: Albert R., who is a resident of Jackson township, this county; Emma L., the wife of L. O. Hutson of Jackson township; Nellie M., who gave her hand in marriage to Arthur Carlson, of Sanborn county, South Dakota; Alfred F., who is a carpenter by trade; Libbie E., the wife of James McDonald of Sanborn county, South Dakota; and Katie V., at

home. In politics Mr. Smalley is a prohibitionist, staunchly advocating the principles set forth by this party. His religious faith is that of the Free Methodist church. Earnest effort and intelligently directed labor constituted the salient features of his business career, while his life has been governed by high principles that have gained for him the respect and good-will of his fellowmen.

ROBERT REYNOLDSON.

Robert Reynoldson has lived retired in Boone for the past eight years after a successful career as a farmer and stock-raiser in Des Moines township. He was born in Cambridgeshire, England, November 11, 1845, and is a son of Robert and Mary (West) Reynoldson, who crossed the Atlantic in 1857, locating in Canada. They came to Boone county in November, 1865, but in 1872-3 removed to Boone county, Nebraska, where the father homesteaded land and where the parents resided until their deaths. He passed away in the '80s, aged eighty-five years, and his wife died when she was about sixty years old. They were members of the Church of England and devout adherents of that faith. Of their twelve children eleven were born in England and the youngest in Canada. All those who lived to maturity attained substantial positions in life, four sons now making their home in Nebraska. Four daughters are also living, and they quite frequently visit their oldest brother, the subject of this review.

Robert Reynoldson enjoyed but limited educational advantages in England but nevertheless has been successful in life and there can be counted no failure against him. He has always been honest, determined and industrious and has never undertaken anything that he has not brought to a successful conclusion. He came to Boone county in November, 1865, and for about four years was employed in the McFadden mill at Boonesboro. He then operated a ditching machine and in that way laid the foundation for a small fortune which enabled him in 1876 to buy one hundred and sixty acres of land three miles south of Boone. This property was known as the Jones farm, Mr. Jones having entered it from the government, and Mr. Reynoldson still has the patent. He later added to his land and now owns about four hundred acres which are worth at least two hundred dollars per acre. A quarter section of this land he bought at prices ranging between thirty-five and seventy dollars. He followed farming and stock-raising for many years, giving particular attention to fine horses and mules, and later also fed cattle and hogs for the market. He was always progressive in his farming and success came to him in remuneration for his unceasing efforts.

On January 1, 1872, Mr. Reynoldson married Miss Olive Jones, who was born in Hardin county, Ohio, in July, 1842, and is a daughter of Jesse Jones, who with his family came to Boone county in 1853, settling in Des Moines township. There Mrs. Jones passed away, her husband dying in Story county, having reached an age of more than eighty years. There were six children in the Jones family and Mrs. Reynoldson still has two brothers and one sister living in Story county. Mr. and Mrs. Reynoldson are the parents of five sons and one daughter, as follows: Fred, who cultivates a farm four miles north of



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Boone and who married Clara Hoffman, by whom he has one son, Harold; Jesse, who left the parental roof at the age of seventeen and is now engaged in the real-estate business in Montana, owning a considerable amount of land and also engaging in the cattle business; Mary, who married Joseph Kemmer, a farmer of Jackson township, residing near Erickson, by whom she has four daughters and one son, Leone, Irene, Minnie, Lulu and Loren L.; and Edward an agriculturist of Dodge township, who married Miss Hattie Good, a daughter of George Good, by whom he has four sons, Cleo, Howard, Robert and Glenn; James, who operates one of his father's farms two miles from Boone, and who married Miss Lulu Parker; and Charles, who married Elizabeth Radcliffe and resides on the home farm.

Robert Reynoldson is a democrat and has always taken an active part in the progress and advancement of his county. His wife attends the Christian church, and both have derived much pleasure from traveling, having crossed the continent and spent some time in California. Mr. and Mrs. Reynolds and family are highly respected by all who know them and are numbered among the substantial citizens of Boone who have made valuable contributions to the material, moral and intellectual development of this part of the state.

HENRY EHLERS.

Henry Ehlers has continuously conducted business as a general merchant of Ogden for the past twenty-three years and is well known as a prosperous, enterprising and representative citizen of Boone county. His birth occurred in Yell township, this county, in June, 1870, his parents being Jacob and Margaret (Thomson) Ehlers, the former a native of Hamburg and the latter of Holstein, Germany. They emigrated to the United States in a very early day and took up their abode in Clinton county, Iowa. In 1863 Jacob Ehlers enlisted for service in the Civil war and after the cessation of hostilities between the north and the south returned to Clinton county, where he operated a farm until 1869. In that year he came to Boone county and here purchased and improved a tract of land which he cultivated throughout the remainder of his life. He was accidentally killed by a falling tree in 1878. His wife survived him for a number of years, passing away in 1892.

Henry Ehlers was reared in the county of his nativity and attended the district schools in the acquirement of an education. When eighteen years of age he left the home farm and came to Ogden, where he was employed as a clerk until 1891. In that year he embarked in business as a general merchant in association with Charles Remiers, the firm of Ehlers & Remiers being continued until April, 1910, when our subject purchased his partner's interest and has since been alone. He carries a large stock of general merchandise, occupying two floors and basement. A liberal patronage is accorded him, for he displays an attractive and excellent line of goods at reasonable prices and enjoys an unassailable reputation for integrity and fair dealing.

In November, 1897, Mr. Ehlers was united in marriage to Miss Margaret Lorenzen, a daughter of Fedder and Phoebe (Clausen) Lorenzen, both of whom

were natives of Germany. They became pioneer settlers of Boone county, and the mother is still living here, but the father has passed away. Mr. and Mrs. Ehlers have four children, as follows: Otto, fifteen years of age; Alma, who is twelve years old; and Carl and Dorothy, who are eleven and six years of age respectively.

Mr. Ehlers is a republican in politics and now serves as a member of the city council, while for six years he has done valuable work on the school board. His religious faith is indicated by his membership in the German Lutheran church. His entire life has been spent within the borders of Boone county, and he is well known as a successful merchant and esteemed citizen.

LEROY D. SPARKS.

Leroy D. Sparks long occupied a creditable position in the business circles of Boone, where for a quarter of a century he conducted a meat market. He is now occupying an attractive home, which stands in the midst of a farm of thirty-five acres within the corporation limits of the city. A native of Boone county, he was born February 9, 1853, a son of Thomas and Esther (Dunn) Sparks, both of whom were natives of Pennsylvania, but were reared upon Ohio farms. The father came to Iowa in 1846 when many evidences of pioneer life were still to be seen here. He then returned to the east and was married in Pennsylvania, he and his wife coming to Boone in 1852. They settled upon a farm, the father devoting his entire life to general agricultural pursuits. He was very active in public connections and was the first county surveyor of Boone county. He also held a number of township offices and labored effectively and earnestly for the welfare and upbuilding of the community. He died August 20, 1910, after a residence of more than a half century in this state, during which period he had won the high respect and good-will of those with whom he had been associated. His widow still lives in Boone at the ripe old age of eighty-five years. In their family were twelve children: Leroy D.; Fremont, living in Boone; E. V., who is now deceased; Asenith, who is the widow of Lewis Fisher and makes her home in San Francisco, California; James G., a resident of Los Angeles, California; John C., of Boone; Nettie, the wife of Joseph Hitsman of Luther, Iowa; a son who died in infancy; Belle, who also died in infancy; Frank, deceased; Robert, living in Kansas City, Missouri; and Playford, of Boone.

Leroy D. Sparks has spent his entire life in the county of his nativity and at seventeen years of age took up the profession of teaching, which he followed for three terms. He afterward carried on farming for twelve years and then established his home in Boone, where he opened a meat market, which he conducted for a quarter of a century. He always carried a good line of meats, made every possible effort to please his patrons and for many years enjoyed an excellent trade that brought him a substantial, gratifying and well earned profit. He has now retired from the meat business and lives upon his farm, which is splendidly improved, his being one of the attractive homes in the city.

On the 30th of September, 1874, Mr. Sparks was united in marriage to Miss Luella Stevens, a native of Iowa and a daughter of Jacob and Lucretia (Brown)

Stevens, natives of Pennsylvania and of Vermont respectively. In 1865 they came to Boone and the father, a butcher by trade, was connected with the meat business in this city. He died December 21, 1902, while his wife passed away January 8, 1894. In their family were six children: Mrs. Sparks; Ida, the wife of John Kail; George, of Boone; Mary and Jacob, who have passed away; and Daisy, the wife of William Stange, of Chicago. To Mr. and Mrs. Sparks have been born six children: George B. and James G., both of Boone; Ralph Leroy and Gertrude L., at home; Mary Alma, the wife of Chester Gonse, of Valley Junction; and Harry Stevens, at home.

In his political views Mr. Sparks is independent, voting for men and measures rather than for party. He has filled township offices, including those of assessor and township clerk. Fraternally he is a Mason and also holds membership with the Woodmen of the World. For more than sixty years he has been an interested witness of the changes which have occurred in Boone county, has seen its growth and development and has aided in its progress. That his has been a well spent life is indicated in the fact that many of his staunchest friends are those who have known him from his boyhood to the present time.

WILLIAM B. SCHOOLER.

William B. Schooler has since April, 1913, conducted a furniture and undertaking establishment in Ogden, in partnership with A. G. Howe, and in this connection has won an enviable reputation and a well merited measure of success. His birth occurred in Dallas county, Iowa, in November, 1879, his parents being Wesley Taylor and Alice (Stevens) Schooler, the former a native of Missouri and the latter of Indiana. Wesley T. Schooler came to Boone county, Iowa, in 1859 and here carried on general agricultural pursuits until 1880. In that year he took up his abode in Madrid and embarked in the hotel business, while subsequently he became engaged in the implement business, conducting an enterprise of that character for about twelve years. He was also a blacksmith by trade. At the time of his retirement he removed to Marshall county, Iowa, but at the end of four years returned to Madrid, where he made his home until 1909. For the past five years he and his wife have lived in Oregon.

William B. Schooler obtained his education at Madrid and after putting aside his text-books secured a clerkship in a furniture store. He likewise familiarized himself with the undertaking business and was identified therewith as an employe for a period of nine years. In April, 1913, he came to Ogden, Boone county, and embarked in the furniture and undertaking business in partnership with A. G. Howe, who has remained his associate to the present time. Their stock is extensive and their patronage liberal, for they are widely recognized as merchants and business men of ability and integrity who are well worthy of support.

On the 15th of June, 1907, Mr. Schooler was united in marriage to Miss Anna Caylor, a daughter of Daniel and Ellen (Rowley) Caylor, who were born in Ohio and Wisconsin respectively. Mr. Schooler gives his political allegiance

to the republican party, while his religious faith is that of the Baptist church. Fraternally he is identified with the Masons, the Independent Order of Odd Fellows, the Yeomen and the Maccabees. His salient characteristics are such as have gained for him the friendly regard and good-will of all with whom he has been associated through either business or social relations, and he is well entitled to a foremost place among the representative and respected residents of Ogden and Boone county.

N. J. A. CALSON.

N. J. A. Calson has been actively engaged in business as a general merchant of Pilot Mound for the past three decades and is now the senior member of the firm of Calson & Son. His birth occurred in Sweden in October, 1855, his parents being C. J. and Annalena (Nelson) Calson, who were likewise natives of that country. They crossed the Atlantic to the United States in 1864 and first located in New York, there remaining for four months, while subsequently they resided in Illinois for a year and a half. On the expiration of that period they came to Iowa and for one year made their home in Webster county, then taking up their abode in Boone county in 1866. C. J. Calson purchased eighty acres of land in Pilot Mound township, improved the property and devoted his attention to its operation throughout the remainder of his active business career. His demise occurred at Pilot Mound in March, 1911, after a residence of forty-five years in Boone county, and the community mourned the loss of one of its substantial and esteemed citizens. For almost four decades he had survived his wife, who was called to her final rest in August, 1871.

N. J. A. Calson began his education in the schools of his native land and continued his studies in Boone county, being nine years of age when he accompanied his parents on their emigration to the new world. He remained at home until a youth of fourteen and then secured employment as a farm hand, being thus engaged for a number of years. In 1879 he rented a tract of land in Pilot Mound township and after cultivating the same for five years came to the town of Pilot Mound, where he embarked in the mercantile business, in which he has been continuously engaged to the present time. In 1911 he erected a new and modern store building, fifty by eighty feet, on the main street. Mr. Calson occupies both the one story and basement and carries a very extensive and well selected stock of goods, enjoying a most gratifying patronage by reason of his straightforward business methods, reasonable prices and earnest desire to please his customers. He is now associated in business with his son under the firm style of Calson & Son. He owns farming property in Douglas township and also a commodious residence in Pilot Mound and is widely recognized as one of the prosperous and representative citizens of the county.

In the fall of 1886 Mr. Calson was united in marriage to Miss Amelia F. Zunkel, a daughter of Ferdinand and Margaret (Eppinger) Zunkel, both of whom were natives of Germany. They took up their abode among the pioneer settlers of Boone county, Iowa, and here Mr. Zunkel carried on agricultural pursuits for many years. His demise occurred on the 20th of March, 1876.



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while his wife passed away on the 19th of January, 1896. Mr. and Mrs. Calson have one son, Leonard C., who was born October 3, 1888, and is now engaged in the mercantile business with his father. He wedded Miss Belva Adams and has one child, Russell A., who is in his first year.

In his political views Mr. Calson is a staunch republican. He served in the capacity of township clerk for about twelve years and has also done resultant work as a member of the town council. He has been a resident of this county for nearly a half century and has gained the esteem of all with whom he has come in contact because of his upright and honorable principles and also by reason of the straightforward methods he ever follows.

HENRY LEWIS DAVIS.

Henry Lewis Davis, a respected citizen and representative agriculturist of Boone county, was born in Harrison county, Ohio, on the 9th of October, 1850, a son of Lewis and Mary Ann (Ames) Davis, both of whom were natives of Pennsylvania. They took up their abode in Muscatine county, Iowa, on the 6th of October, 1854, and in June, 1855, came to Boone county, the father entering three hundred and twenty acres of land in Colfax township. Later disposing of this property, he bought a tract of eighty acres in Worth township and subsequently extended the boundaries of his farm by additional purchase until it embraced more than three hundred acres. He continued to reside thereon throughout the remainder of his life, passing away on the 25th of May, 1892, while his wife was called to her final rest on the 26th of February, 1900. Mr. Davis held the office of county coroner for two terms and also served in minor township positions, making a creditable and commendable record as a public official. The period of his residence in this county covered thirty-seven years, and he gained an extensive and favorable acquaintance within its borders. To him and his wife were born thirteen children, as follows: Margaret Ann, who is deceased; James A., who was killed at the battle of Pleasant Hill, Louisiana, in 1864; Sarah Ellen, deceased; Cyrus M., an old soldier who makes his home in Luther, Iowa; Jesse, living in Boone; Elizabeth J., who is the wife of Charles Fleming of Arkansas; Mary Maria, who is the widow of John Nutt and resides in Boone; Henry Lewis, of this review; Catherine A., the wife of S. T. Steelsmith, of Troy, Idaho; George A., of Worth township; Keziah M., who is the widow of Nimrod Rule and lives in Boone; Abraham L., of Fort Dodge; and Abbie Amanda, who is the wife of Albert Nutt, of Boone.

Henry Lewis Davis, who was a little lad of five years when his parents settled in this county, remained on the home farm until twenty-five years of age and then made his way to California, following farming in San Luis Obispo. At the end of a year he returned to Boone county and purchased a tract of ninety-nine acres adjoining the old homestead. He eventually disposed of the property which he had acquired and at the present time owns one hundred and thirty-nine acres comprising a part of the home place. During the last few years he has devoted his time and energies to both farming and stock-raising.

making a specialty of shorthorn cattle. His undertakings as an agriculturist have been attended with gratifying and well deserved measure of success, and he enjoys an enviable reputation as one of the prosperous and esteemed citizens of his community.

On the 23d of August, 1876, Mr. Davis was united in marriage to Miss Arbell C. Cross, a native of Boone county and a daughter of Isaac and Maria (Keigley) Cross, both of whom were born in Greene county, Pennsylvania. They came to this county about 1855, and here the father turned his attention to agricultural pursuits. He passed away in May, 1907, while the mother was called to her final rest in April, 1900. They had two children: Mrs. Henry L. Davis; and Sarah E., who is the wife of Robert McMillen, of Indianola, Iowa. Unto Mr. and Mrs. Davis have been born four children, as follows: Alta E., who is the wife of E. C. Payne, of Worth township; Clara Belle, who is the widow of Saul Dyer and resides in Boone; James Leroy, of Beaver township, Boone county; and a daughter who died in infancy.

Mr. Davis gives his political allegiance to the republican party, has served in the capacity of supervisor for two terms and has also acted as township assessor and trustee, ever discharging his public duties in a most satisfactory manner. Fraternally he is identified with the Independent Order of Odd Fellows, the Knights of Pythias and the Ancient Order of United Workmen, while his religious faith is that of the Presbyterian church, which receives his support. As a citizen he is public-spirited and whatever tends to promote the best interests of the community receives his indorsement and hearty cooperation. He has spent most of his life in this county and is therefore widely and favorably known, commanding the high regard of all with whom he has been associated.

JAMES B. McELROY.

James B. McElroy is engaged in the cultivation of a farm of three hundred and twenty acres on sections 11 and 15, Beaver township, and the attractive appearance of the place indicates his careful supervision. His birth occurred in that township, June 6, 1875, his parents being John and Margaret (McCoy) McElroy, both of whom were natives of New York. The father came to Iowa in 1868 and engaged in railroading for some time. Later he purchased land in Beaver township and began the development and improvement of a farm, which he continued to operate throughout his remaining days, his death occurring in 1907. His widow survives and resides upon the old homestead.

James B. McElroy was reared in Beaver township and pursued his education in the district schools and in the public schools of Ogden. He early became familiar with the best methods of tilling the soil and caring for the crops and remained at home with his parents until 1911, when he rented his father-in-law's place, situated on sections 11 and 15, Beaver township, and comprising three hundred and twenty acres of land. Thereon he is now engaged in general farming and good results attend his labors, for his methods are practical and progressive. He owns an interest in the home place on section 29 and also owns land in Canada. He is meeting with prosperity in his undertakings, and

the analyzation of his life record shows that his progress is the result of close application, persistent energy and sound judgment.

On the 27th of February, 1911, Mr. McElroy was united in marriage to Miss Margaret Vaughn a daughter of Dennis and Mary (Mahoney) Vaughn, who at an early period in the development of this section of the state came to Iowa. The father was a veteran of the Civil war, and following its close he engaged in farming in Beaver township throughout the remainder of his days.

The religious faith of Mr. and Mrs. McElroy is that of the Catholic church. For eight years he has served as one of the trustees in his township and is interested in all affairs of public moment. He gives his political allegiance to the Democratic party and keeps well informed on the questions and issues of the day. He has served as school director, but he prefers to concentrate his energies upon his business affairs. He is now a stockholder in the Farmers Cooperative Company of Berkley, Iowa. In addition to developing his fields he feeds several carloads of cattle per year, and this branch of his business is proving to him a profitable source of income. He has a wide acquaintance in Boone county, where he has always made his home and where he has ever stood for all that is progressive in the agricultural life of the community.

ALBERT G. HOWE.

Albert G. Howe is engaged in business at Ogden as a member of the firm of Schooler & Howe, conducting a well appointed and liberally patronized furniture and undertaking establishment. His birth occurred at Independence, Kansas, on the 11th of January, 1880, his parents being James M. and Ellen M. (Carlisle) Howe. The father came to Boone county, Iowa, in an early day and here devoted his attention to agricultural pursuits for some time, subsequently removing to Kansas, where he operated a farm until 1881. In that year he returned to Ogden, this county, and was here engaged in the draying business for some time, while later he embarked in the mercantile business, conducting an establishment of that character successfully until 1899. Since disposing of his interests he has lived retired in Ogden, enjoying the fruits of his former activity in well earned ease. He has attained the age of seventy-three years and is a highly esteemed and respected citizen of his community. During the period of the Civil war he served for four years as a member of Company B, Eighth Illinois Cavalry, making a creditable record as a brave and loyal defender of the Union. The demise of his wife occurred on the 12th of October, 1912.

Albert G. Howe was reared and educated in this county, attending the public schools of Ogden. He afterward worked in his father's store for some time and subsequently went to Berkley, Boone county, where he was engaged in the mercantile business for one year. On the expiration of that period he returned to Ogden and embarked in the hardware business in association with W. S. Gray, to whom he sold out at the end of three years. He was next engaged in the mercantile business in Ogden until September, 1912, and then gave his attention to real-estate interests until April, 1913. In that month he entered into partnership with William B. Schooler for the conduct of the furniture and undertaking

establishment which they have since continued under the firm style of Schooler & Howe. They carry an extensive stock and are accorded a large patronage which attests the satisfaction of those with whom they have dealings.

On the 1st of January, 1902, Mr. Howe was united in marriage to Miss Bertha Webb, a daughter of Q. O. and Erispa (Mace) Webb, pioneer settlers of Boone county, who now reside in Ogden. The father here devoted his attention to general agricultural pursuits for a number of years but has lived retired since 1907. Mr. and Mrs. Howe have two children, Lucile F. and Vera R., who are eight and five years of age respectively.

Mr. Howe is a republican in politics and has ably served as a member of the city council for five years. He is identified fraternally with the Masons and the Independent Order of Odd Fellows, and his religious faith is that of the Methodist church. He is widely recognized as a young man of enterprise, ability and worth and enjoys an extensive and favorable acquaintance throughout the county in which practically his entire life has been spent.

A. P. LUNDVALL.

For over fifteen years A. P. Lundvall has been engaged in the general merchandise business in Boxholm, carrying a most complete and up-to-date stock and following business policies which rank him as one of the progressive merchants of the county. Mr. Lundvall has secured an extensive and profitable patronage for his business, his customers coming to him from a large adjoining territory. He has succeeded because his business is built upon fair and honest methods, because he contents himself with a reasonable profit and because he is ever ready to oblige a customer if possible. Mr. Lundvall was born in Sweden on March 9, 1860, and is a son of J. P. and Christina Lundvall, natives of that country. During his active life the father was the superintendent of a large woolen mill in Sweden, which country has always remained his home and where he is still living at the age of ninety-two years, his wife dying in 1907.

A. P. Lundvall was reared and educated in his native land and after completing his studies accepted a position in the office of the woolen mills with which his father was connected. In 1881, at the age of twenty-one, he came to America, locating at first in New Britain, Connecticut, where for three years he worked for the American Hosiery Company. Being impressed by the stories which he had heard of the opportunities that were awaiting an aggressive young man in the middle west, he then made his way to Dayton, Webster county, Iowa, where he arrived in the spring of 1884, accepting a position in the general store of Burnquist Brothers. There he continued as an employe until 1889, in which year he became a partner in the firm, with which he remained as manager until 1895, when his partner died. At that time the business was sold, but Mr. Lundvall again entered mercantile life, allying himself with new partners and founding the firm of Lundvall, Swanson & Johnson. He continued in this establishment until 1899, when he sold his interest and went to Fort Dodge, Iowa, where he worked for the Larson Dry Goods Company for one year.

He then returned to Dayton and for three months was connected with the firm of C. V. Peterson. In April, 1900, he came to Boxholm, Boone county, where he bought the first town lot and built the first business building, engaging in merchandising. He has ever since been at the head of this business and now carries a most complete stock adequate to the most exacting demands of his customers. His trade is extensive and covers a large territory. The success of the business must be entirely attributed to Mr. Lundvall, who is able, shrewd, honest and thoroughly up-to-date as regards merchandising methods.

In June, 1892, A. P. Lundvall married Miss Emily Erickson, a daughter of Eric and Betsy Erickson, natives of Sweden, who located in Webster county in the early days of its history. There the father cultivated land until his death, his widow now making her home with Mr. and Mrs. Lundvall, who have six children, as follows: June, who is employed in her father's store; and Evelyn, Lloyd, Reynold, Mildred and Ralph.

Mr. Lundvall has other important interests, being a stockholder in the Farmers Savings Bank of Boxholm, and the Farmers Elevator Company. He is always interested in the cause of education and at present serves as school director of his district. Politically he is a republican, loyal to his party, and for seven years served as postmaster of Boxholm, resigning in favor of John Hocke, who at that time was conducting a harness shop in this city. Fraternally Mr. Lundvall belongs to the Modern Woodmen of America, and his religious faith is that of the Swedish Lutheran church. By his activities he has largely contributed toward making possible the prosperous conditions that now prevail in Boone county and in particular has been one of the factors in the upbuilding of Boxholm, of which town he is now one of the foremost representatives of commercial interests.

JACOB SCHIERHOLZ.

Jacob Schierholz, a representative agriculturist of Boone county who has resided here for a period of forty-five years, is the owner of one hundred and sixty acres of valuable land on sections 8 and 6, Yell township. His birth occurred in Germany on the 27th of February, 1851, his parents being Peter and Catherine (Frahm) Schierholz, who were likewise natives of that country. The father, who devoted his attention to farming in Germany throughout his entire business career, there passed away in 1854, while the mother was called to her final rest on the 9th of June, 1894.

Jacob Schierholz spent the first eighteen years of his life in the fatherland and there pursued his education but continued his studies in the United States after the age of twenty. On the 27th of February, 1869, he set sail for the new world and on reaching American shores made his way to Clinton county, Iowa, where he worked for others until December of that year. He then came to Boone county and was here employed as a farm hand for seven years, while subsequently he cultivated rented land for one year. In 1872 he purchased forty acres of his present farm in Yell township and began the improvement of the property. As his financial resources increased, owing to his untiring industry and capable man-

agement, he extended the boundaries of his place by additional purchase until it now embraces one hundred and sixty acres of valuable land, eighty acres thereof lying in section 8 and the remaining eighty in section 6. Alert, energetic and industrious, he has met with success in his undertakings, practicing the rotation of crops and cultivating his farm after the most approved methods of modern agriculture.

On the 20th of September, 1880, Mr. Schierholz was united in marriage to Miss Frances McKune, a daughter of Edward and Minerva B. (Hastings) McKune, the former a native of Great Bend, Pennsylvania, and the latter of New York. Edward McKune removed to Illinois at an early day and in August, 1862, enlisted for service in the Civil war from Dixon, that state, joining Company E, Seventy-fifth Illinois Volunteer Infantry. He was killed in October of the same year, in the first battle at Perryville, Kentucky, thus laying down his life on the altar of his country. The demise of his wife occurred in December, 1890. Mr. and Mrs. Schierholz are the parents of eleven children, as follows: Emily, who gave her hand in marriage to Charles N. Frost, of Lee Center, Illinois; Catherine E., the wife of William Kruse; Peter, at home; Jacob E., who is a resident of Beaver, Boone county; Frances M., the wife of Fred Drew, of Perry, Iowa; Harriett A., who is the wife of Everett Hull, of Ogden, Iowa; Albert H., also living in Ogden, this state; Lurena E., who is the wife of Mason Pugh, a miner of Yell township; and Mabel, Wilhelm and Loue, all of whom are still under the parental roof.

In his political views Mr. Schierholz is a stanch republican, loyally supporting the men and measures of that party at the polls. His religious faith is that of the United Brethren church. His many excellent traits of character have won him an extensive circle of friends and he is well known and highly esteemed throughout the community in which the greater part of his life has been spent.

JOHN RUNDBERG.

John Rundberg, of Ogden, Iowa, was a typical representative of that sturdy race of northern Europe which has furnished so many valuable citizens to the United States. He was born in Sweden and found in this country opportunities which he turned by his energy and industry into material success. Mr. Rundberg was born August 19, 1834, a son of Andrew Rundberg. The father, also of Swedish birth and a wagonmaker by trade, was likewise engaged in blacksmithing. He stood high in the estimation of his community and served for some time in the responsible position of overseer of the poor, having charge of the poor farm of his district. The parents never came to America, the father dying in his native land in 1846 and the mother surviving him for about thirty years.

John Rundberg had to earn his own livelihood upon the death of his father, at which time he was only twelve years of age. He found employment at the munificent sum of eight cents a day and afterward learned the carpenter's trade and also that of cabinet-maker, completing his apprenticeship when he



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was eighteen years of age, a fact which speaks well for his deep and serious purpose.

Mr. Rundberg continued in the pursuit of his trade until 1868 in his native country, coming in that year to America and locating in New York. In September he invented a threshing machine separator, giving thereby evidence of the fertility of his mind and the close attention which he paid to mechanical details, for which he had a particular talent. Later Mr. Rundberg decided upon a removal to the West and went to Stockholm, Wisconsin, where for a short time he continued to pursue his trade. He then came to Boone, Iowa, the year of his arrival being 1869. He followed his trade in a furniture factory in Boone county for one and one-half years, at the end of which time he decided upon a change of residence, selecting Moingona, where he established himself in the furniture business in partnership with Samuel Morgan. They remained in this connection for about nine months and in the fall of 1874 Mr. Rundberg came to Ogden and founded a furniture and undertaking business, of which he was the head until 1904, when the store was destroyed by fire. He rebuilt but retired from the business, his son, however, carrying a stock of furniture and continuing the activities of his father. Mr. Rundberg was successful because he had a thorough knowledge of the furniture business and because he possessed good business ability. Fair methods always prevailed in his establishment, and his reputation for the honest treatment of his customers gained for him an extensive trade.

Mr. Rundberg was twice married. His first union was with Miss Johanna Rundberg, a native of Sweden, who passed away December 10, 1877. On January 5, 1879, he married Hannah Rustan, a daughter of Gustav and Caroline Rustan, natives of Sweden. The father was a carpenter by trade but also followed agricultural pursuits. He crossed the Atlantic to America and located in Webster county, Iowa, at an early day. There he was for many years successful as an agriculturist, gaining a competency which permitted him to retire in the later years of his life, when he moved to Des Moines. That city remained his residence until his death, which occurred in September, 1910. His wife had preceded him to the Great Beyond in 1900. To the first union of Mr. Rundberg were born five children: Augusta, the wife of Charles Rosen, a harness dealer of Ogden, Iowa; David; John H.; Emma; and Philip E., who is now conducting the furniture and undertaking business established by his father. To the second marriage also five children were born, Jennie, Charles, Martin, Bessie and Anna H.

Mr. Rundberg gave his political allegiance to the republican party and although he shunned publicity and never sought public office, was always interested in the development and advancement of his city and county. He gave material and moral support to worthy public enterprises and as a successful business man stood in the front ranks with those men who considered no effort too great in order to promote the welfare of their city. In later years Mr. Rundberg did not enjoy the best of health and after an illness of two years he passed away on December 14, 1913, in his eightieth year. He was venerated by all the citizens of Ogden as a pioneer and one of the early business men of the city. He was esteemed not so much for what he had accomplished as for the high qualities of his character. Mrs. Rundberg, who survives him, owns

the building in which the furniture and undertaking business is now conducted, and resides in a handsome home which stands in grounds that comprise four acres of land. She is well and favorably known in Ogden, where she has many friends who esteem her highly on account of her womanly qualities of character.

FRANCIS MARION BOLLE.

Francis Marion Bolle, who was born in Douglas township, Boone county, May 18, 1866, has always been a resident of the county. After completing his common-school education he turned his attention to farming and has been quite successful in this occupation. His parents, Louis and Elizabeth (Jenkins) Bolle, were among the pioneers of Boone county, making the overland trip to Swede Point in 1851. The father became the owner of what now is known as the Samuel Bryant farm and which is adjacent to Madrid and was successful as a farmer. He was born in Germany, June 23, 1831, and died in Madrid, February 18, 1909. His wife, a native of Indiana, is residing in that city. In their family were six children, all of whom were born and reared in Douglas township. They are: Josiah, of North Dakota; William, of Perry, Iowa; Mrs. Mary Jane Eversole of Kansas; Francis Marion of this review; Henry Scott of North Dakota; and Mrs. Hattie Edith Biggs, of Irvington, Kossuth county, Iowa.

Francis Marion Bolle owns a farm comprising one hundred and twenty acres of choice land on sections 27 and 28, Garden township. He has always followed the most up-to-date methods and by his labors has substantially contributed toward the agricultural development of Boone county. His land is planted to the most suitable cereals and by incessant labor and judicious management he has secured a competency. He resides in a pleasant and handsome home which is the hospitable meeting place of the many friends he and his wife have made in Boone county.

On January 29, 1895, Mr. Bolle married Miss Martha Ann Hamman, who was born in Polk county, July 8, 1870. She came to Douglas township with her parents in 1875. Her father, Amos Hamman, was born in Vermilion county, Indiana, March 16, 1839. He enlisted for service with the Union army in the Civil war and after a gallant record was honorably discharged. Subsequently he came to Iowa and located in Polk county, south of Maxwell, where he operated a farm for a number of years. He is now residing in a comfortable home in Madrid. He comes of an old American family and several of his direct ancestors were soldiers in the Revolutionary war. The mother of Mrs. Bolle, Susanna Jane (Butler) Hamman, was born in Illinois, October 2, 1843, and died in Garden township, July 10, 1911. She bore her husband five children, all of whom are living: Mrs. Martha Ann Bolle, born July 8, 1870; George Franklin, born September 6, 1872, of Madrid; Milo Gideon, born January 29, 1874, of Nebraska; Zoe May, who was born August 15, 1879, and is cashier of the Madrid State Bank; and John Jacob, whose birth occurred October 4, 1881, and who resides in South Dakota. The three eldest children are natives of Polk county and the two younger were born in Boone county, where all were reared.

The Hammans are accounted among the most successful and prominent families of their neighborhood.

Mr. and Mrs. Bolle have one daughter, Laura May, born June 15, 1900, who is attending school. They stand high in the esteem of their community and enjoy the respect of all who know them. Mr. Bolle has many friends in Douglas township who have known him from his early youth and are appreciative of his high qualities of character. Mr. Bolle is public-spirited, although he has never actively entered politics. He is a republican and in full accord with the principles of that party. He supports all community enterprises of value and has done more than his share in promoting the general welfare.

ERNEST C. E. CARLSON.

The name of Ernest C. E. Carlson figures prominently in connection with commercial activity in Boone, where he is now conducting business as a partner in the firm of S. A. Nelson & Company. He is a self-made man and his life record should serve as a source of inspiration and encouragement to others, showing what may be accomplished when ambition points out the way and when energy and determination lead to the goal of success. He was born in Sweden, March 28, 1864, and is a son of Charles J. and Anna Sophia (Carlson) Carlson, who were also natives of that country. In the year 1885 they crossed the Atlantic to the new world, and the father continued farming in America until called to his final rest on the 22d of April, 1912. His widow survived until the 20th of May, 1913. In their family were two children: Ernest C. E.; and Caroline, now the wife of Charles Olson, of Boone.

Ernest C. E. Carlson pursued his early education in the public and high schools of Sweden. He was a young man of about twenty-one years when the family came to the United States, and after arriving on this side the Atlantic he devoted some time to general agricultural pursuits. In 1889 he accepted a clerkship in the grocery store of A. T. Davis and later purchased the business, which he conducted alone until 1890, when he consolidated his interests with those of C. V. Nelson and Alfred Zandell, the business being then conducted under the firm style of Nelson, Zandell, Carlson & Company. Two years later Mr. Carlson disposed of his interest to his partners and devoted the succeeding year to the improvement of his education. He then purchased another store, which he conducted under the firm name of Carlson & Company until 1894. He then joined forces with Alfred Recksen and S. A. Nelson. In 1897 he was appointed deputy treasurer of the county and served for four years. Within that period Alfred Recksen retired from the company and the business has since been conducted under the firm name of S. A. Nelson & Company, Mr. Carlson remaining as one of the partners. They carry a large and well selected stock of general merchandise, and the neat and attractive arrangement of their store and their reasonable prices have secured for them a liberal and well merited patronage, which is increasing year by year.

On the 28th of May, 1890, Mr. Carlson was united in marriage to Miss Hannah Peterson, a native of Sweden, and unto them have been born eight children:

Harold E., born August 13, 1891; Walter A., born February 23, 1893; Dora E., July 24, 1897; Gerhard M., February 15, 1900; Eldon L., February 1, 1903; Eveline J., April 4, 1906; and Bernadine I., January 23, 1911. A daughter, Ruth E., passed away June 29, 1906.

In his political views Mr. Carlson is an earnest republican but does not seek nor desire office, preferring to concentrate his energies and efforts along other lines. He is the president of the Swedish Mutual Insurance Company and secretary of the Swedish Old People's Home. He belongs to the Swedish Mission and is an elder of his church. He takes an active and helpful interest in the moral progress of the community and his influence is always on the side of right, reform, truth and justice. In his business career he has gone upon the principle that a good name is rather to be chosen than great riches, and he has never sacrificed honorable dealing to a desire for gain.

IRA D. JOHNSON.

In the death of Ira D. Johnson on the 20th of September, 1898, Boone mourned the loss of one of her valued and representative citizens, for his life exemplified the many sterling traits of manhood which in every land and clime awaken confidence and regard. He was born in Lawrence county, Missouri, August 12, 1870, and completed a high-school course at Henrietta, Texas. He also attended a business college at Jacksonville, Illinois, and thus qualified for onerous and responsible duties in later life. In the fall of 1890 he came to Boone and entered into partnership with his father, the late W. D. Johnson, in the coal business under the firm name of W. D. Johnson & Company. He devoted practically his entire attention to the coal trade and in that connection a big business was built up. He was also a stockholder in the Security Savings Bank, and his contemporaries and colleagues in business circles knew him to be a thoroughly reliable and enterprising man.

On the 29th of October, 1890, in Illinois, Mr. Johnson was united in marriage to Miss Mary E. Johnson, a daughter of James and Martha (Adkins) Johnson, who were natives of Mason county, Illinois. James Johnson was a member of Company M, Second Illinois Cavalry at the time of the Civil war, enlisting in 1862 and serving for three years. He became a commissioned officer, holding the rank of second lieutenant when mustered out of the service. By occupation he was a farmer, devoting his entire life to general agricultural pursuits. The cause of temperance found in him a stalwart advocate and earnest worker, and his life was actuated by many high and manly principles. His family numbered nine children, all of whom are yet living. Two of the sons are residents of Boone county—F. H., making his home in the city of Boone, while Edgar resides near Ogden. To Mr. and Mrs. Ira D. Johnson were born three children: William D., who remains at home and is an automobile salesman; Lucile, who is attending Northwestern University at Evanston, Illinois, and Ethel Lorraine, who died when a baby.

Politically Mr. Johnson was a republican, although reared in the faith of the democratic party, to which his father gave his support. Fraternally he

was connected with Boonesboro Lodge, No. 324, K. P., and his widow is a member of the Pythian Sisters. He died at the very early age of twenty-eight years, and the news of his demise was a shock to the entire community. He left behind him many friends, and his heritage to his family was not only a good property, but also that good name which is rather to be chosen than great riches. In action he was manly and sincere, in spirit kindly, and one of his more pronounced characteristics was his devotion to his family.

HENRY C. SPURRIER.

Henry C. Spurrier is the owner of one of the most highly improved farms in Boone county, comprising two hundred acres on sections 5 and 4, Yell township. His birth occurred in Illinois in September, 1850, his parents being Francis M. and Rebecca (Argo) Spurrier, the former a native of Kentucky and the latter of Ohio. Francis M. Spurrier removed to Illinois with his parents in 1830 and carried on farming in that state until 1856, when he drove across the country to Boone county, Iowa, and here began the cultivation of rented land. In September, 1862, he enlisted for service in the Civil war as a member of Company D, Thirty-second Iowa Volunteer Infantry, continuing with that command until February, 1865, when he was wounded and received his discharge. He returned to this county and carried on general agricultural pursuits here throughout the remainder of his active business career, while the last years of his life were spent in honorable retirement at Ogden, where he passed away in November, 1912. The period of his residence in Boone county covered fifty-six years and in his demise the community lost one of its esteemed and representative citizens. He had long survived his wife, who died in Illinois in February, 1856.

Henry C. Spurrier, who was a little lad of six years when he came to this county with his father, acquired his education in Yell township and remained on the home farm until twenty-six years of age. He then started out as an agriculturist on his own account, purchasing seventy acres of land which he improved and subsequently sold. Later he bought a tract of two hundred acres on sections 5 and 4, Yell township, which has since remained in his possession and which he has improved to such an extent that it is now one of the best equipped farms in the entire county, and in its operation he has won a measure of success that has gained him recognition among the substantial and leading agriculturists of his community. In connection with the cultivation of cereals he also keeps thoroughbred stock, feeding a carload of cattle annually. He likewise owns property in Canada.

In August, 1881, Mr. Spurrier was united in marriage to Miss Alice Hainey, her parents being Jackson and Nancy (Russell) Hainey, who were natives of Kentucky and Tennessee respectively. The father removed to Kansas in an early day and successfully carried on farming in that state for many years. His demise occurred in 1900, in the Sunflower state, where his widow still makes her home. Unto Mr. and Mrs. Spurrier have been born six children, as follows: Eva, who is at home; Blanche, the wife of Charles Tonsfeldt, an agricul-

turist of Yell township; Ethel, at home; Howard, who makes his home in Canada; Maude, whose demise occurred in 1901; and Orson, at home.

Mr. Spurrier is a republican in politics and has served as trustee of Yell township for twelve years, making a creditable record in that connection. His religious faith is that of the Baptist church. He has resided in this county for fifty-eight years and has become widely and favorably known within its borders. His life is exemplary in all respects and he has ever supported those interests which are calculated to uplift and benefit humanity, while his own high moral principles are deserving of warm commendation.

JOHN W. VAN ZANDT.

John W. Van Zandt, a well known and respected citizen of Madrid, is a prominent factor in financial circles as president of the Farmers Savings Bank. His birth occurred in Highland county, Ohio, on the 11th of July, 1845, his parents being Joshua and Mary Ann (Thayer) Van Zandt, the former born in Virginia on the 2d of February, 1818, and the latter in Vermont in 1822. In 1850 the family home was established in Kendall county, Illinois, and Joshua Van Zandt there resided until called to his final rest in May, 1899. His wife passed away in 1891. They were the parents of the following children: Mrs. Martha Smith, who is deceased; Mrs. Jane Andrews, who has also passed away; John W., of this review; George W., who resides on the old home farm in Kendall county, Illinois; Mrs. Mary Falkenberg, living at Minooka, Illinois; Frank, who makes his home in Eureka, California; and Mrs. Hulda Falkenberg, of Joliet, Illinois. The three eldest children were born in Ohio and the younger members of the family in Illinois.

John W. Van Zandt, who was a little lad of five years when taken by his parents to Kendall county, Illinois, there attended the common schools and early in life turned his attention to agricultural pursuits. In May, 1864, he enlisted for one hundred days' service as a member of Company H, One Hundred and Thirty-eighth Illinois Volunteer Infantry, but remained with the Union troops about six months, being detailed to guard railroad property in Missouri and adjoining states. He participated in several skirmishes and was honorably discharged at Springfield in November, 1864.

In 1879 Mr. Van Zandt brought his family to Garden township, Boone county, Iowa, and for a number of years successfully cultivated one of the valuable and productive farms of the district, winning a gratifying measure of prosperity in his undertakings. At the present time he serves as president of the Farmers Savings Bank of Madrid, of which institution he is one of the heaviest stockholders and the continued growth and success of which is largely attributable to his able management and direction. He owns a handsome and well appointed residence in Madrid and is widely recognized as one of the prosperous and leading citizens of the community.

On the 12th of May, 1866, Mr. Van Zandt was united in marriage to Miss Addie Kennison, who was born in Vermont on the 19th of November, 1848, her parents being Henry and Arvilla (Smith) Kennison, likewise natives of that



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state. The father passed away in Wilmington, Illinois, in 1857, while the mother's demise also occurred in Will county, that state. Their children were as follows: Delos, who is deceased; Mrs. Sarah Mason, who is a resident of Madrid, Iowa; Mrs. Evaline Frise, also of Madrid, Iowa; Frank, who passed away in Kossuth county, Iowa; J. S., who was born on the 4th of September, 1845, and resides in Madrid, Iowa; Mrs. Susan Copp, deceased; and Mrs. Addie Van Zandt. The above named were born in Vermont and reared in Illinois. Unto Mr. and Mrs. Van Zandt have been born five children, four of whom still survive. William H., whose birth occurred on the 11th of October, 1867, was a graduate of the Iowa Agricultural College and was employed as postal clerk on the Milwaukee road from Marion to Council Bluffs. He passed away on the 7th of July, 1908. Mrs. Nettie M. Story, who was born on the 20th of June, 1869, is a resident of Ames, Iowa. E. G., whose natal day was December 19, 1872, has been a postal carrier in Des Moines for the past fourteen years. Mrs. Cora Valline, who was born September 9, 1876, resides in Boone, Iowa, her husband being a locomotive engineer in the employ of the Chicago & Northwestern Railway. Joshua, born April 24, 1890, is a graduate of the Madrid high school and the Capital City Commercial College of Des Moines, Iowa, and is now in the employ of Davidson Brothers of Des Moines. All except the last named, who is a native of Garden township, this county, were born in Illinois.

Mr. Van Zandt is a republican in politics and has always been interested and active in the work of the party in his home community. He has held all of the township offices and ably served as assessor of Garden township for many years, while at the present time he acts as assessor of the city of Madrid. He serves on the school board of Garden township and for the past eighteen years has been a valued member of the Madrid board of education. His cooperation and support can ever be counted upon to further any movement or measure instituted to promote the general welfare and he is widely recognized as a most loyal, public-spirited and progressive citizen. He is identified with the Grand Army of the Republic as a member of John Filmer Post, No. 347, of Madrid, of which he has long been quartermaster, and for one year served as its commander. His wife is a devoted and consistent member of the Madrid Christian church. Both Mr. and Mrs. Van Zandt are widely and favorably known throughout the county, having gained many friends during the long period of their residence here.

LEWIS SAVITS.

In giving an account of the more prominent agriculturists of Boone county and particularly Beaver township, Lewis Savits cannot be overlooked. Mr. Savits, a native of Boone county, owns eighty acres on section 15 and eighty acres on section 21, besides eighty acres on section 10, which he bought in 1900 and which was the first land that he cultivated as an independent farmer. He was born in Amaqua township, December 5, 1872, and is a son of George and Elizabeth (Gunder) Savits, the former a native of Pennsylvania and the latter of Illinois. They came to Boone county about 1862, the father acquiring title

to forty acres of land in Yell township. He farmed successfully until 1882. In 1886 he removed to Ogden, which remained his home until his death in 1902. His widow resides in Ogden.

Lewis Savits was reared and educated in Boone county, attending the district schools. Early he began his career as a farmer and remained in the employ of others until 1892, in which year he rented land in Beaver township, in the cultivation of which he was so successful that in 1900 he was enabled to acquire eighty acres on section 10. He immediately took the task in hand of improving the land and has since devoted himself to this occupation with the exception of fourteen months spent in Colorado. Mr. Savits is an up-to-date and modern farmer and follows most progressive methods in the operation of his farm. There can be found a complete and well repaired set of buildings, which in conjunction with his well tilled fields, indicate his careful management and his incessant industry. As his means increased Mr. Savits acquired title to eighty acres of land on section 15 and eighty acres on section 21. He not only follows general agricultural pursuits but excels as a stock-raiser and annually markets three or four carloads of stock. Moreover, Mr. Savits is a stockholder in the Farmers' Cooperative Company of Beaver.

On December 8, 1896, he married Sadie Vaughn, a daughter of Patrick and Lena (Horton) Vaughn, the former born in Ireland and the latter in New York. The parents came to Boone county during pioneer days, and here the father successfully devoted himself to agricultural labors. For a short time he was also connected with railroad construction work. He bought eighty acres on section 15, Beaver township, and this is the same land which our subject now owns and operates. Mr. Vaughn had it under cultivation for forty-three years and there remained until his death in August, 1908. His wife died in February, 1910. Mr. and Mrs. Savits have two children: George Patrick Leo, fifteen years of age; and Lina Eloise, who is two years old.

Mr. Savits has not only attained individual success but has been a force in the agricultural development of his section. He has always interested himself in public questions and is at present one of the township trustees, having served in that position for six years to the benefit of the township, whose interests he promotes in every way. Politically he is a republican and thoroughly conversant with the aspirations of his party, its ideals and its principles. He gives his adherence to the Catholic faith and is interested in religious life as well as in all other efforts tending to improve the moral life of man. Both he and his wife are favorably and well known in Beaver township, where they have many friends.

H. EDMOND FRY.

H. Edmond Fry, a practitioner at the Boone county bar since 1902, connected in his professional work with Judge John L. Stevens until 1914, but since that time alone, has his offices in the Boone National Bank building and is accorded a large and distinctly representative clientage. He was born September 13, 1870, in the county which is still his place of residence and is a son of

Henry Fry, who is mentioned elsewhere in this volume. His entire life thus far has been passed in Boone county and from the Boone high school he was graduated with the class of 1889. He afterward attended Cornell College for about one year and subsequently entered the State University, pursuing a partial course in the law school of that institution. He then continued the study of law in the office and under the direction of J. J. Snell, a prominent attorney, until qualified for admission to practice. He passed the required examination in 1901 and entered upon the active work of the profession in 1902. However, this was by no means his initial step in business life, nor was his educational course a continuous one. Reared upon the home farm, he had early become familiar with the duties and labors incident to the development of the fields and was active in their cultivation until twenty years of age, when he became a teacher in the schools of Boone county. He afterward became a stenographer and typist and later was made accountant for the Building & Savings Association and subsequently occupied the position of bookkeeper and teller in the First National Bank of Boone for about two years. He next entered the State University at Iowa City and as mentioned above, returned to Boone for the further study of law, in which he continued until his admission to the bar. He began practice in 1902 with Judge John L. Stevens, and this association was maintained until 1914, since which time Mr. Fry has been alone in the general practice of law. He has won for himself a creditable position in a calling where advancement depends entirely upon broad knowledge and individual merit.

In January, 1913, Mr. Fry was united in marriage to Miss Elsa C. Odel, of Red Oak, Iowa, a daughter of H. F. Odel, a pioneer of the state and a prominent retired farmer and real-estate man. Mr. and Mrs. Fry hold membership in the Methodist church, and in fraternal circles his connection is with the Masons and the Knights of Pythias. He has been somewhat active in public affairs, serving as city solicitor for two terms, or from 1905 until 1909. He is now a candidate for district judge of the eleventh judicial district on the non-partisan ticket, and should he be elected there is no doubt that he will make an excellent presiding officer over the courts. He has been well informed concerning the principles of jurisprudence, and an analytical mind enables him to readily recognize the relation between the fact, the evidence and the law applicable thereto.

CHARLES R. MORGAN.

Charles R. Morgan, a well known and representative citizen of Ogden, is a lineman in the service of the Marcy Mutual Telephone Company and has also been engaged in auctioneering for the past seven years. His birth occurred in Peoples township, Boone county, Iowa, on the 13th of December, 1875, his parents being John W. and Margaret (Miller) Morgan. A sketch of the father, who passed away in Ogden on the 20th of October, 1913, appears on another page of this work.

Charles R. Morgan acquired his early education in the district schools of his native county and also attended public school in Ogden. He remained under

the parental roof until eighteen years of age and then went to Ames, where he attended the Iowa State College of Agriculture until graduated from that institution with the class of 1898. Subsequently he made his way to Jefferson, Green county, this state, and there worked in a creamery for a year and a half. On the expiration of that period he rented a tract of land and after cultivating the property for two years entered the service of the Bell Telephone Company, with which he continued for five years. He next spent two years as lineman with the Boone County Telephone Company and five years later became connected with the Marcy Mutual Telephone Company, by which he has been retained to the present time. For the past seven years he has also devoted considerable attention to auctioneering and in that connection has won an enviable reputation that has caused his services to be frequently sought.

On the 14th of January, 1903, Mr. Morgan was united in marriage to Miss Minnie Linderman, a daughter of John and Phoebe (Cook) Linderman, who were natives of Germany and emigrated to the United States in an early day. They settled first in Harrison county, Iowa, and subsequently came to Boone county, Mr. Linderman here following farming for a period of fourteen years. He now makes his home with our subject, his wife having passed away in 1903. Mr. and Mrs. Morgan are the parents of four children, as follows: Carroll, eight years of age; Gerald, who is seven years old; and Earl and Helen, who are six and four years of age respectively. Mr. Morgan gives his political allegiance to the democracy and in religious faith is a Methodist. He is also a worthy exemplar of the Masonic fraternity. Both Mr. and Mrs. Morgan enjoy a wide and favorable acquaintance in the community where they reside, and the hospitality of the best homes is cordially extended to them.

ALLEN T. SILVER.

Allen T. Silver, who for the past twenty-eight years has resided at Boone, is a retired farmer, now residing at the home of George W. McBride at 1606 Carroll street. He is widely known and highly respected, for his life has been a busy and useful one in every relation. He proved himself a loyal soldier during the Civil war, has made a capable public officer and is known as a reliable business man. At the present time, however, he is enjoying a rest which he has truly earned and richly deserves. He was born at Franklin, Warren county, Ohio, April 25, 1827, and has, therefore, passed the eighty-seventh milestone on life's journey. He is a son of James and Mercy (Mullin) Silver. The grandfather removed with his family to Warren county, Ohio, in 1805 and there followed the occupation of farming, spending his remaining days in that locality. He was twice married and by his first wife had two children and by the second ten. The father, a native of New Jersey, was but five years of age when he went with his parents to Warren county, Ohio, and in 1831 he removed with his family to Henry county, Indiana. He engaged in merchandising at West Liberty and when the new National road was built removed to Knightstown, where he engaged in business for a number of years. Subsequently he took up his abode upon a farm in Rush county, Indiana, but his later years were spent at



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Knightstown, where he died in 1864. He was active in politics and at one time was a candidate for the state legislature. His religious faith was that of the Society of Friends, or Quakers. He married Mercy Mullin, who was born in New Jersey, December 31, 1799, a daughter of Isaac Mullin, who removed to Warren county, Ohio, about the same time the Silver family established their home there. He became an extensive farmer of that district. His father also went to Ohio and died near Springboro, Warren county. He was a native of Ireland. Mrs. Mercy (Mullin) Silver passed away in 1855.

Allen T. Silver has reached a more advanced age than any other member of his family. He is the eldest of six children and only one other is now living, Isaac, who resides near Indianapolis and is seventy-eight years of age. For a quarter of a century Allen T. Silver was a resident of Indiana, the family home being established there when he was but four years of age. It was a frontier region in which they settled, and he experienced the usual privations and hardships of pioneer life. His education was acquired in the old-time subscription schools, for the public-school system had not then been organized in his locality. There he engaged in farming until 1853, when he removed to Boonesboro, Boone county, Iowa. However, he had previously attended lot sales here in 1851. For some time after taking up his abode in the county he engaged in clerking and in 1856 he went to Ridgeport, where he conducted merchandising on his own account for two years. Later he was again in the same line of business for short periods. At length he purchased a farm just north of the city and operated it until his removal to Boone, where he engaged in stock-buying, conducting business very successfully.

On the 15th of April, 1855, in Dodge township, Mr. Silver was united in marriage to Miss Sophia Friedley, a native of Indiana and a daughter of Daniel Friedley. She came to Boone with her brother Henry Friedley, a pioneer of this county, who arrived in 1850. He spent his later years near Tacoma, Washington, and there passed away in December, 1913, at the age of almost eighty years. Mr. and Mrs. Silver had no children of their own but adopted George W. McBride when he was but thirteen months old. He had lost his mother, and they took him into their family as a son, rearing and educating him. He is a machinist by trade and is in the employ of the Chicago & Northwestern Railroad Company. He married Miss Lena Pohl, and to them have been born three children, Leone and Ella and Alice, twins. Ella was married and has one son, Richard Lamonte Noland. The death of Mrs. Silver occurred in September, 1902, and Mr. Silver now makes his home with his fosterson, Mr. McBride. His wife was a consistent member of the United Brethren church and had a large circle of warm friends in this county.

In public affairs Mr. Silver has always taken a keen interest. He acted as enrolling officer during the Civil war in Dodge and Harrison townships, Boone county, being appointed to that position in 1863. In the following year he enlisted as a member of Company K, Thirteen Iowa Infantry, with which he served until the close of the war. He is now a member of the Grand Army post at Boone and thus maintains pleasant relations with those who were his comrades in arms. Politically he was originally a whig, but on the organization of the republican party he joined its ranks and has since been one of its stalwart advocates. He served as supervisor of his township, as township trus-

tee, as justice of the peace and postmaster. He acted as deputy postmaster at Boonesboro for a year and later was postmaster at Ridgeport. He has likewise been school director and at all times he has been a helpful factor in promoting public progress. In former years he served as a trustee of the Methodist Episcopal church and assisted in building the house of worship for that denomination at Ridgeport. His life has been well and worthily spent, and he is today one of the most venerable of Boone's citizens, receiving the honor and respect which should ever be accorded those of advanced years, whose lives have been guided by manly principles. Six decades have come and gone since he arrived in this county, so that he has been a witness of much of the growth and development of this part of the state. He has seen many remarkable changes and can tell many interesting stories of the early days.

BENJAMIN F. ROBERTS.

Boone county lost one of its valued and representative citizens when Benjamin F. Roberts passed away on the 22d of May, 1899, for he had been a resident of Harrison township from 1857. He came to Iowa from New York, having been born in Jefferson county, the Empire state, in 1830. His parents were Dr. Hugh and Betsy (Burdick) Roberts, who were also natives of New York, where they spent their entire lives. They were of Quaker faith and the father was a practicing physician, who also owned and supervised a farm.

Benjamin F. Roberts was reared in his native county, where he learned the wagon-maker's trade, following that pursuit in the east until 1857, when he removed westward to Boone county and began farming in what was then Jackson, but is now Harrison township. In his work he met with a large measure of success. He kept in touch with the advanced methods of farming, brought his land to a high state of cultivation, and as improved machinery was placed upon the market, he became a purchaser thereof and thus facilitated his farm work. His place ever presented a neat and attractive appearance, and the result of his labors was the attainment of a gratifying competence.

In Jefferson county, New York, on the 24th of August, 1854, Mr. Roberts was united in marriage to Miss Elizabeth Houghton, who was born in Jefferson county, New York, September 6, 1835, a daughter of Elijah and Harriet (Dopking) Houghton, who were natives of Massachusetts and New York respectively and were farming people. Mr. and Mrs. Roberts became the parents of two daughters. Harriet Estella is the wife of J. R. McNaughton, a farmer living at Cedar Rapids, Linn county, Iowa, and they have four children: Mrs. Ollie Delany; Mrs. Lillian Privett; Earl, of Des Moines; and Benjamin F., a student in the Art Institute of Chicago. Emma was married July 31, 1884 to William F. Boggs, who was for many years a hardware merchant of Streator, Illinois, and for five years conducted business at Story, Iowa. He has followed farming in Boone county, operating the Roberts farm in Harrison township. He was born July 10, 1854, in Clarion county, Pennsylvania, and in 1857 was taken to Illinois by his parents, Robert M. and Isabella May (Baumgardner) Boggs. They remained in Illinois until 1873, when they removed to Plainview, Nebraska,

where they resided until they passed away. William F. Boggs attended the high school. He afterward entered the hardware business and in 1889 formed a partnership at Streator, Illinois, becoming a member of the firm of McFeely, Boggs & Company. In 1905 Mr. Boggs withdrew from that firm and removed from Streator to Story, Iowa, where he engaged in the hardware business for five years. On the 5th of May, 1910, he arrived in Boone, where he has since made his home, and is today one of the valued and respected residents of this city. Mr. and Mrs. Boggs have one son, Sidney R., who is a graduate of the Boone high school of the class of 1914. Mr. Boggs served for five years as a member of the state militia of Illinois. His political allegiance is given to the republican party, and while in Streator he served as a member of the board of education for nine years. He belongs to the Independent Order of Odd Fellows, the Modern Woodmen of America and the Knights of the Globe. Since 1884 he has been a member of the Methodist Episcopal church and he is interested in the Young Men's Christian Association.

In his political views Benjamin F. Roberts was a stalwart republican, supporting the party from its organization until his demise. He was a man of progressive views and ideas. He helped to build the first agricultural college, at Ames, donating liberally to the institution and attending in 1850 the first picnic on the campus, together with Mrs. Roberts, who also attended the last one, held in 1909. While fifteen years have come and gone since Mr. Roberts passed away, he is yet remembered by many citizens of Harrison township and other sections of the county, who esteemed him highly because of his many excellent traits of character, his public-spirited devotion to the general good and his loyalty in friendship.

ANTON L. CHALLBERG.

Anton L. Challberg is a member of one of the best known families of Beaver township. There he owns one hundred and twenty acres on section 36, all of which is highly improved, annually bringing him rich harvests. Mr. Challberg is a native of Boone county, his birth having occurred in Marcy township in February, 1873. His parents, Nels P. and Lena (Olson) Challberg, were natives of Sweden. On his arrival in America the father located in Dixon, Illinois, in 1853. He was a mason and worked at that trade for some time, remaining in Dixon until his removal to Minnesota, where he bought land, operating the same for about thirteen years or until 1868. That year marks his arrival in Boone county. He became the owner of one hundred and sixty acres of land in Swede Lane, Marcy township, which he improved and cultivated for the remainder of his life, being so successful that he was enabled to gradually acquire six hundred and twenty acres in Marcy and Beaver townships. The father died in September, 1878, and the mother in January, 1909. During the later years of her life she made her home with her son Anton. In the family were ten children, five of whom are now deceased. Those living are: John, a resident of Fort Dodge; Emma, the wife of N. M. Peterson, an agriculturist

of Marcy township; Charles, a successful contractor residing in California; Minton L., who farms on the old homestead in Marcy township; and Anton L.

The last named was reared and educated in Marcy township, attending the Marcy Center school. It may be of interest to note here that this school was destroyed by the cyclone of 1882. Mr. Challberg early devoted himself to agricultural pursuits, thoroughly acquainting himself with the details of the work and acquiring the knowledge necessary for the successful conduct of a farm. He remained with his widowed mother on the home farm until 1901, when the land was divided and he came into possession of one hundred and twenty acres situated on section 36, Beaver township. He has since improved his place wonderfully, and there his mother lived with him until her death, having the love and tender care of her son. Mr. Challberg has remained on this place continuously with the exception of two years, during which time he was engaged in the coal and feed business in Fort Dodge.

He is at present assessor of Beaver township and has served in that office to the entire satisfaction of all concerned for five years. He is a stockholder and director in the Farmers Savings Bank of Berkley, Boone county, and has proved himself a valuable member of the board in giving suggestions in regard to the business management of the bank. Politically he is a republican, interested in the welfare of his party, yet not an active politician. He is ever ready to give his support to worthy public enterprises and aids in all movements undertaken to improve his township. He belongs to the Swedish Mission church and carries his Christian principles into his everyday life. Mr. Challberg has many friends in Marcy and Beaver townships and all who know him speak highly of him.

ERASTUS R. IRVING.

Forty-seven years have come and gone since Erastus R. Irving took up his abode in Boone county and since 1857 he has been a resident of Iowa. Through the past seven years he has lived in the city of Boone, having retired from active business life. For many years, however, he was extensively and successfully engaged in general agricultural pursuits and is still the owner of valuable farm property in Colfax and Jackson townships. His birth occurred in Washington county, New York, November 1, 1830, his parents being Adam and Roby (English) Irving, the latter a lineal descendant of Stephen English, a Mayflower passenger. The father of Mrs. Irving was Luke English, a soldier of the Revolutionary war, who participated in a number of the hotly contested engagements which brought independence to the colonies and was present at the surrender of General Burgoyne. His daughter Roby was born in Connecticut and in early womanhood gave her hand in marriage to Adam Irving, who became the founder of the Irving family of which Erastus R. Irving is a representative. Adam Irving was born in northern England, at Carlisle, and he had a brother who fought under the Duke of Wellington in the battle of Waterloo, in which he was slightly wounded. Adam Irving was a tailor by trade and came to America as an English soldier at the time of the War of 1812.

Liking the country, he decided to remain and settled in New York state, where he was married and resided for some time. In later life he removed to the west and spent his last days in Boone county, Iowa, where he passed away about thirty years ago at the age of eighty-three. He had long survived his wife, who passed away at the comparatively early age of thirty-nine years. They were the parents of six children.

Erastus R. Irving is the only one now living, the last of the others having died in 1913, at the age of eighty-seven. All reached a good old age. One was a twin brother of Erastus R. Irving and died in 1901. The youngest brother, George, came to Boone county in 1866 in company with Erastus and here followed farming for many years. At his death he left a family of five children, four daughters and one son.

In taking up the personal history of Erastus R. Irving we present to our readers the life record of one who has long been widely and favorably known in Boone county. He spent the period of his boyhood and youth in the east, pursuing his education in the public schools of New York and in 1854 he removed westward to Illinois, settling in Boone county, where he conducted a store. In 1857 he went to Mankato, Minnesota, where he entered a quarter section of land and proved up his claim. This he sold some years later and invested the proceeds in Boone county property. He now owns three hundred and twenty acres of land lying largely in Colfax township, with eighty acres in Jackson township. The farm is worth at least two hundred dollars per acre. Upon it are fine improvements and all modern accessories and conveniences of the model farm of the twentieth century. Farming, however, has not always occupied the time and attention of Mr. Irving. In early manhood he engaged in teaching school in Benton county, Iowa. Following his marriage, which was celebrated in November, 1858, he and his wife located upon a rented farm in Boone county, Illinois, where they remained for two years. Upon coming to Iowa they settled in Benton county, and through the succeeding winter Mr. Irving engaged in teaching school. Later he again went to Minnesota, where he carried on farming through the summer months, but in the autumn again went to Boone county, Illinois. There he carried on farming until 1865, when he again sought a home in Iowa. In the spring of 1866 he purchased ninety acres of land on section 1, Worth township, Boone county, and began the development of a farm. The land was in its primitive condition and destitute of all improvements, but with characteristic energy he began its development. After two years he sold that property and invested in one hundred and sixty acres on section 7, Colfax township. This, too, was unbroken prairie when it came into his possession, but his labors soon wrought a marked transformation in the appearance of the place. In addition to tilling his fields he set out a large orchard and planted a walnut grove. Later he purchased another farm and again began its development with the same characteristic energy that has always marked his life work. He built good barns and outbuildings upon the place and continued to till the soil until he retired from active business life. His labors were crowned with a substantial measure of success, for his work was intelligently directed and he acquired, therefore, a handsome income.

It was in November, 1858, in Boone county, Illinois, that Mr. Irving wedded Miss Nancy M. Burton, who was born in Dutchess county, New York, March

27, 1835, a daughter of John and Elizabeth (Stuart) Burton, who in the fall of 1838 went west to Boone county, Illinois, where they spent their remaining days. Mr. Burton passed away when more than eighty years of age, and his wife died when about seventy-one years of age. Mrs. Irving had three sisters and four brothers, of whom three brothers and one sister are living. Two of the brothers are now in Iowa and one in New York, while the sister is a resident of Wisconsin. Mrs. Irving spent her girlhood days in Illinois, remaining there until her marriage, which occurred when she was about twenty-four years of age. To Mr. and Mrs. Irving were born two daughters, who have passed away, the daughter Myra dying in early childhood, while Edna E. became the wife of Dr. O. F. Beckett, of Boone, and died in May, 1913, at the age of forty-three years. They were at that time residents of Hiawatha, Kansas, and at her death Mrs. Beckett left a son and daughter. George B. Irving, the only son of Mr. and Mrs. Erastus Irving, resides at home and is the owner of an excellent farm of one hundred and sixty acres in Colfax township. He wedded Mary Brown, and they have one daughter.

In public affairs Mr. Irving has taken a deep and active interest. He served his township as justice of the peace and as town clerk, and his duties have ever been promptly and faithfully discharged. He cast his first presidential ballot for Franklin Pierce and in 1856 supported John C. Fremont, since which time he has always voted for the presidential candidates of the republican party save on one occasion when he supported Cleveland. He has frequently been a delegate to party conventions. Both he and his wife are members of the Methodist Episcopal church and have contributed generously to its support and taken an active interest in its work. A contemporary biographer has said of him: "Mr. Irving is a citizen of worth, who has cooperated in many movements for the general good. His life record is a creditable and honorable one, and the success he has achieved has come to him as the direct result of his energy and capable management. When he started out in life he had no influential friends to assist him and no inheritance upon which to depend, but with strong purpose and laudable ambition he has worked his way steadily upward to the plane of affluence." He is now living retired at the age of eighty-three years, and the rest which has come to him is well earned.

MOSES H. DONELSON.

Moses H. Donelson, one of the prosperous citizens of Ogden and Boone county, justly ranks with the leading business men of his part of the state and has done much to win for Iowa its splendid and enviable reputation as one of the chief agricultural centers of the entire country. He has been closely connected with farming and stock-raising and is now the owner of five hundred and twenty acres of rich and valuable land. A native of New Jersey, he was born in Salem county, on the 14th of November, 1844, and is a son of Henry and Ann Elizabeth (Atkinson) Donelson, the former a native of the north of Ireland and the latter of New Jersey. In 1830 the father came to America, settling in Philadelphia, where he remained for twelve years in the employ of one man. During



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that time he managed to save seven hundred dollars of his earnings, but was cheated out of this. He then went to New Jersey, where he remained until December, 1863, when he removed to Illinois. In the latter state he purchased a farm and with characteristic energy began its cultivation and development. In course of time his fields were bringing forth splendid crops and many improvements were added to his place. Upon that farm he spent his remaining days, his death occurring February 11, 1874, when he was sixty-two years of age. His wife passed away at the age of eighty-two.

Moses H. Donelson was reared and educated in New Jersey, but his opportunities for acquiring an education were exceedingly limited, as he never went to school after reaching the age of ten years. However, experience has taught him many valuable lessons and he is today a well informed man with a good business education and possesses the ability which many a college-bred man lacks. When a little lad of but ten years he began working as a farm hand and was thus employed until 1868, when he determined to engage in farming independently and rented a tract of land in Illinois. He operated that place for a year. In September, 1869, he removed to Boone county, driving across the country from Illinois. He purchased eighty acres of land, now in Peoples township, going in debt for the amount. This land he improved, adding many modern equipments and also extending the boundaries of the farm from time to time until it now comprises five hundred and twenty acres of rich and productive land. The work of development has been carried forward year by year, and his place is now one of the best improved farms of the county. Upon it he has raised thousands of bushels of corn, but has never sold an entire load during his farming experience, feeding it all to his stock. He has been a most successful feeder and stock dealer, feeding on an average two carloads of steers each year and from one hundred to three hundred head of hogs. He operated this place until December, 1913, when he retired and removed to Ogden, purchasing a comfortable home that he now occupies. In all of his business affairs he has displayed sound judgment and keen discrimination, and thus his success has been honorably and worthily won. For twenty-five years he was statistical correspondent for the agricultural department at Washington and had three assistants under him in the county.

On the 1st of October, 1868, Mr. Donelson was united in marriage to Miss Tollitha C. Cameron, a daughter of James and Elizabeth (Harrell) Cameron, both of whom were natives of Kentucky. The father was a farmer and went to Illinois at an early day, there securing a tract of land upon which he carried on general agricultural pursuits until the evening of his life. He passed away at the advanced age of eighty-nine years, having long survived his wife, who died in August, 1874. Unto Mr. and Mrs. Donelson were born three children: James H., a farmer of Beaver township; Welcome B., who is operating the home farm; and William C., who is manufacturing spring bolsters for all makes of wagons at Chariton, Iowa.

Mr. Donelson served as one of the trustees of Peoples township and was also school director for nine years. Politically he is a republican and ever keeps well informed on the questions and issues of the day, so that he is able to support his position by intelligent argument. He attends various churches and his influence is on the side of reform, progress and improvement. Energy has been

the guiding spirit of his life, and his industry has never faltered. From a comparatively humble position in the business world he worked his way steadily upward, and in the course of years he became the owner of one of the large and valuable farms of the county. His business judgment is sound and his sagacity keen, and his careful management of his affairs has been the salient element in his success which now ranks him with the men of affluence in Ogden.

EMANUEL LAWBAUGH.

Emanuel Lawbaugh is one of the most highly respected and esteemed citizens of Madrid. He has been an active factor in the growth of the city, having platted and laid out an addition to the town of Madrid known as Lawbaugh's Addition. He still owns much valuable realty in Madrid and also has interests in Des Moines. Mr. Lawbaugh, moreover, has been mayor of Madrid for six terms—terms which have been replete with growth and accomplishment. He has recently been reelected to the office. Mr. Lawbaugh was born at Mount Eaton, Wayne county, Ohio, June 14, 1837. His parents were John and Margaret (Shoup) Lawbaugh, the former born in 1799 and the latter April 4, 1804, in Pennsylvania. They died in Geneseo, Illinois, the father July 22, 1872, and the mother November 11, 1886. Their marriage took place in Tuscarawas county, Ohio, January 6, 1823. In their family were the following children: William, born October 10, 1823, who died February 17, 1896; John J., whose birth occurred April 25, 1825, and who died May 7, 1888; Lucy A., who was born January 12, 1827, and died September 4, 1902; Jacob, born October 10, 1828, who passed away on the 3d of July, 1910; Eliza, who was born May 6, 1831, and died December 12, 1886; George, born March 4, 1833, who is a resident of Salem, Oregon; Henry, born February 26, 1835, who died February 21, 1904; Emanuel, of this review; Elizabeth, born May 9, 1839, of Geneseo, Illinois; Peter, born February 18, 1841, who died May 18, 1842; and Josiah R., born June 10, 1843, who died January 13, 1912. The seven oldest members of this family were born in Tuscarawas county and the four younger in Wayne county.

Emanuel Lawbaugh removed with his parents to Henry county, Illinois, in 1854, the family settling on a farm. Two brothers had preceded the other members of the family and there they all gave their attention to agricultural pursuits for some time. Emanuel Lawbaugh then learned the trade of stone mason, which he followed during the summer months. In the meantime he qualified for teaching school and subsequently followed that profession for nine winters in Illinois. He still has the first certificate permitting him to teach school in his possession—a manuscript of which but few are extant in these days. His first teacher's certificate, a first grade one, was issued in 1857 and later he obtained others of like grade. After having married in 1865 he engaged in the lumber business with his brothers, their headquarters being in Geneseo, Illinois, and there he was very successful in business for a number of years. Since coming to Madrid in 1889 he has platted and allotted an addition to the town which is known as the Lawbaugh Addition. He still retains a number of lots in this

tract. Mr. Lawbaugh also has interests in Des Moines and is numbered among the substantial residents of Madrid. For six terms he has been mayor of Madrid and while occupying the executive chair has given the city a business-like and most beneficial administration. He is the present mayor of Madrid, having been elected in 1914 for the seventh time. He acceptably filled the office of justice of the peace and school director nine years before coming to Iowa.

On April 6, 1865, Mr. Lawbaugh married Miss Elizabeth Lord, who was born in Toronto, Canada, April 11, 1841. In 1843 the family removed to Cleveland, Ohio, and there remained until 1856, when they went to Davenport, Iowa. Her father died in that city in 1862. He was James Lord, a native of London, England, a highly educated man who for a number of years held a position with the British government. Her mother, Belinda (Hurd) Lord, a native of Canada, died in Geneseo, Illinois, in 1864. Mr. and Mrs. Lord had four children, of whom Mrs. Lawbaugh, who is the youngest in the family, is the only one surviving. The others were: Emma, who died in Oregon; Fannie, who passed away in Newton, Iowa; and Esli, who entered the Union army and has never since been heard of. Mrs. Lawbaugh in the acquirement of her education attended the common schools in Cleveland, Ohio, and Davenport, Iowa. She bore her husband four children: Charles Sumner, born August 13, 1866, who received a business education and is now residing in Cedar Rapids; Horace Benton, born March 12, 1869, who died in Atkinson, Illinois, August 18, 1881; Mary Margaret, born August 14 1871, who passed away August 15, 1881; Morris Hale, born June 30, 1874, who resides in Manning, Iowa. Mr. and Mrs. Lawbaugh have four grandchildren, a daughter born to their son Charles and a son and two daughters born to Morris H. Lawbaugh.

Mr. Lawbaugh gives his allegiance to the progressive wing of the republican party. He has always taken a deep interest in public affairs and is well informed upon all questions that affect his community, his county, his state and the nation. It is interesting to note in this connection that he voted for Lincoln both times and that his father and five of his brothers attended the same polling place at Lincoln's second election—a father and six sons voting for Lincoln. The two sons of Mr. Lawbaugh are members of Star Lodge, No. 115, A. F. & A. M., of Madrid, and Mr. Lawbaugh and his wife are members of the Baptist church of Geneseo, Ill. He owns a handsome, modernly equipped home in Madrid and is the proud owner of one of the choicest libraries in the community. Mr. and Mrs. Lawbaugh stand high in the esteem of the community and enjoy a respect which is well merited by their high qualities of character.

WESLEY B. SHERMAN.

Wesley B. Sherman, manufacturer and dealer in confectionery at No. 1005 West Third street in Boone, is a wideawake and alert business man, who has advanced to his present position through his intelligently directed effort. He was born near Peoria, Illinois, in 1845, a son of D. H. and Sarah (Gifford) Sherman, both of whom were natives of New Jersey, in which state they were reared and married. In the early '30s they removed westward to Illinois, casting in

their lot with the pioneer settlers of that state. The father followed farming for many years and spent his last days in Boone, Iowa, where he departed this life in the early '90s, when in his ninetieth year, having long survived his wife, who died in Illinois at about the age of forty-five years. They were members of the Methodist Episcopal church and were people of the highest respectability.

Wesley B. Sherman was reared in his native state, where he made his home until eighteen years of age. The Civil war was then in progress, and his spirit of patriotism was aroused by the continued attempt of the south to overthrow the Union. He, therefore, enlisted at Chicago in 1864 as a member of Company F, Ninth Illinois Cavalry, with which he served until October, 1865. He spent twenty months in the south, attached to the Sixteenth Army Corps, and saw some active, arduous duty, but he never faltered whether in the thickest of the fight or stationed on the lonely picket line.

Following his return from the army Mr. Sherman went to Kossuth county, Iowa, intending to secure a homestead there. Later, however, he removed to Boonesboro and has since resided much of the time in Boone county, although at different periods he has gone elsewhere. He engaged in brick manufacture and made brick for the west wing of the Iowa State Agricultural College at Ames. Several years were devoted to that business, in which he won substantial success, but his health failed and he was obliged to give up manual labor. He then opened a barber shop in Boonesboro about 1875 and conducted it for several years. On selling out he turned his attention to the restaurant business, which he conducted for a few years, at the end of which time he sold out and opened a grocery store, in which he continued for an extended period, being the head of the firm of W. B. Sherman & Company. On selling his interest in that business about four years ago he purchased the Candy Kitchen of Mr. Eggenberger and now continues in this line of business, manufacturing candy and ice cream, which he sells both wholesale and retail. He employs four or five people and sells and delivers locally to many customers. His business has now reached large and gratifying proportions and is bringing to him a substantial annual income.

Mr. Sherman was married, in Hamilton county in 1882 to Miss Emma Swanson, who for years made her home in Boone. Her parents were residents of Hamilton county. The death of Mrs. Sherman occurred in 1903, and she was survived by four daughters: Edith, who is now the wife of W. D. Crawford of Boone, by whom she has a daughter, Bernadine; and Carry, Emma and Marie, all at home. The family residence is at West Boone, and Mr. Sherman and his daughters are widely and favorably known. Politically he is a democrat and has filled various local offices, to which he has been called by the vote of his fellow townsmen, who have recognized his ability and wish to profit by the benefit of his service in office. He has twice been a member of the city council of Boonesboro and served in that capacity in Boone for one term. Three times has he resigned from that position, once because of ill health, once because of removal to another city and the third time that he might accept the position of postmaster, to which he was called during President Cleveland's second term. He acted in that position for three and a half years and then resigned in favor of J. B. Patterson. Fraternally Mr. Sherman is an Odd Fellow and a Knight of Pythias. He also belongs to J. G. Miller Post,

G. A. R., of Boonesboro, and in these organizations he has gained many friends by reason of his personal worth and his loyalty to the objects for which the societies stand.

EDWARD W. HARRISON.

In the death of Edward W. Harrison, Boone county lost a citizen worthy of the high regard in which he was uniformly held. His life conformed to the high standards of Masonry and of citizenship in every regard, and the fact that he was for thirty years in the employ of one corporation is indicative of his fidelity and capability in business. He was called to his final rest September 11, 1913, at the age of seventy-five years, his birth having occurred in Liverpool, England, February 14, 1838. His parents were William R. and Lizzie (Simcock) Harrison. The father was engaged in shipbuilding, devoting his life to industrial activity. The mother died in England, but about 1848 the father sailed for the new world, accompanied by his son Edward. At length they reached New York harbor and for a period remained in the eastern metropolis, but later made their way to Chicago, where Edward W. Harrison was reared and learned the carpenter's trade. He led a busy, active and useful life, devoting his time and energies to work at his trade save for the period when patriotism o'ertopped every other interest in his life and he offered his services to the government in defense of the Union cause. It was in 1861 that he enlisted as a member of Company G, Eighteenth United States Infantry, with which he served for three years, doing active duty on many a hotly contested battlefield. So strenuous was his service that it undermined his health and to his army experience could be traced his invalid condition during the last twenty years of his life.

When the war was over Mr. Harrison returned to his home with a most creditable military record. Soon afterward he left Illinois and came to Iowa, from which time forward he was in the employ of the Chicago & Northwestern Railroad Company, remaining with that corporation for thirty years or more. He was a foreman in the carpenter shop and discharged his duties in a most capable and satisfactory manner. He seemed to know just how to direct the labors of men so as to produce the best results, yet he was never a machine taskmaster.

On the 13th of July, 1878, at Boone, Mr. Harrison was united in marriage to Miss Eliza J. West, who was born at Farmington, Van Buren county, Iowa, a daughter of James and Lucetta West. They were pioneers of this state, and Mr. West made merchandising his life work. Both are now deceased. Mrs. Harrison was reared in Iowa and in early womanhood began learning the millinery trade, being employed in a wholesale house in Des Moines for a number of years prior to her marriage. Unto Mr. and Mrs. Harrison was born a son, Ridgby William, who is employed as a bookkeeper.

Mr. Harrison gave his political indorsement to the republican party and kept well informed concerning the questions and issues of the day. He wore with considerable pride the little bronze button that indicated him a member of the

Grand Army of the Republic, his affiliation being with W. C. Crooks Post of Boone. He was also a Mason and exemplified in his life the beneficent spirit of the craft. He attended and supported the Baptist church, to which Mrs. Harrison belongs. When death called him on the 11th of September, 1913, he was laid to rest with Masonic rites, his funeral being very largely attended by his brethren of that order. He never sought to figure prominently in any public connection, but he did seek to do his duty day by day and his example in that respect is well worthy of emulation, his straightforward and upright course winning for him the respect of all with whom he came in contact.

PETER CASSEL.

Although Peter Cassel now lives practically retired, he still holds a foremost place in the banking world of Madrid as vice president of the Madrid State Bank. For twenty years he was successfully engaged in the drug business in that town and by his honorable methods and high qualities of character he won many friends in his community.

Mr. Cassel is a native of Madrid, born July 9, 1859. There he grew to manhood and he has since remained a resident of his native city. He is a son of Charles John and Ulricka (Dalander) Cassel, both of whom passed away in Madrid, the former in 1902 and the latter in 1894. The father was born in 1821. The mother arrived in Douglas township in 1846 and was here one of the earliest families in Boone county. The paternal grandfather of our subject, Peter Cassel, after coming to this country settled near Fairfield, Jefferson county, Iowa, and was one of the sturdy frontiersmen of this state. Mr. and Mrs. Charles J. Cassel had nine children, of whom eight are living. The one deceased is Mrs. Matilda Oakleaf. The living ones are: Mrs. Olive Anderson, residing in Nebraska; Clara, also of that state; Mrs. Johanna Johnson, of Garden township; Mrs. Mary Peterson, of Geneseo, Illinois; Manda, of Madrid; John, also of Madrid; C. W., of the same city; and Peter, of this review, who is the second son in the family. All were born and reared in Madrid and attended its common schools.

Peter Cassel was reared on his father's farm and attended the more primitive schools of early days in the neighborhood. Upon leaving the homestead he began his independent career as a clerk in a general store in Madrid, changing his position subsequently to one in a drug store, in which connection he remained for several years, becoming thoroughly acquainted with the business. At the end of that time he established himself in the drug business and for twenty years conducted one of the most successful establishments in the city. His store was modern and up-to-date and he always saw that particular attention was given to the prescription department. He carried the usual sundries and derived a gratifying income from the various departments of the establishment. His success was entirely due to his business ability, his fair methods and the particular attention which he paid to his customers. In 1908 Mr. Cassel retired from active commercial pursuits in the enjoyment of a competence more than sufficient to meet his expenditures. He now gives almost his entire attention to finance, being



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one of the largest stockholders of the Madrid State Bank, of which he is vice president. He was one of the incorporators of this institution and has been an official of the same since its organization. Mr. Cassel is also vice president of the Peoples' Telephone Company.

On the 3d of September, 1890, Mr. Cassel married Anna Elizabeth Hopkins, who was born in Douglas township, June 17, 1862. She has always been a resident of her native township, where she attended school and grew to womanhood. Her parents, John F. and Lydia (Bates) Hopkins, came to Boone county in 1854 and both resided here until their death. The father was born in Marion county, Ohio, October 4, 1821, and passed away on his homestead near Madrid, April 19, 1909. He enjoyed a wide reputation as one of the most successful breeders of pure blooded stock in Boone county. Mrs. Hopkins was born in the same county as her husband, January 10, 1835, and died on the home farm near Madrid, August 10, 1901. Their marriage occurred in Marion county, Ohio, April 22, 1852, and of their five children four are living: Mrs. Eva J. Aldrich, born in Marion county, Ohio, December 23, 1853, who is now residing in Bison, South Dakota; Mrs. Elsie Nance, born January 1, 1859, a resident of Madrid; Mrs. Anna Elizabeth Cassel; and Mrs. N. H. Yearnshaw, born April 22, 1865, residing in Madrid. Robert John Hopkins, the only son, who was born April 26, 1850, died December 6, 1893. Except the eldest daughter, all these children were born in Madrid and were reared and married here. Robert John Hopkins was a graduate of the Iowa Agricultural School at Ames with the class of 1881. He was elected clerk of the courts of Boone county for two terms. On November 28, 1886, he married Miss Abbie M. Frater, of Clarence, Iowa, who died in Madrid on the old Hopkins farm, July 11, 1892. By her he had two children: Helen Lydia, born November 12, 1889, a teacher of science in Sigourney, Iowa; and Robert Frater, who died at the age of two weeks and three days.

Mr. Cassel is a staunch republican. For a number of years he was a member of the city council of Madrid, and aided in furthering a number of valuable measures. He and his wife attend the services of the Methodist Episcopal church and are devoted to its work. He is a member of Star Lodge, No. 115, A. F. & A. M., of Madrid, and Tuscan Chapter and the Commandery at Boone, as well as Za-Ga-Zig Temple of the Mystic Shrine at Des Moines. He also belongs to the Independent Order of Odd Fellows. Besides a handsome home, Mr. Cassel owns other personal property. Success has come to him in answer to ambition and his career is proof of the fact that industry and energy will win recognition. Madrid is the better for his activities and he has borne his share in the growth and upbuilding of that city.

G. K. WILLIAMS.

G. K. Williams is to be accounted one of the most substantial farmers of Boone county, owning one hundred and fifteen acres on section 13, Beaver township. He has achieved local fame as stock-raiser, giving particular attention to Shropshire sheep and Duroc Jersey hogs. The magnitude of his farm operations is indicated in the fact that he always keeps about fifteen head of

horses. G. K. Williams was born in Wisconsin in January, 1861, and is a son of John T. S. and Jane Williams, more extensive mention of whom is made in another part of this work.

G. K. Williams was reared and educated in Wisconsin and Boone county, Iowa. He grew up under the care of his parents, and when they left the farm he remained to take full charge. He has operated the same ever since. Mr. Williams has one hundred and fifteen acres in his home place, which lies entirely on section 13, Beaver township. His buildings are substantial and kept well in repair, and he has installed the most modern farm equipment and machinery in order to facilitate labor. He gives particular attention to stock-raising and has attained a wide reputation as a breeder of Shropshire sheep and Duroc Jersey hogs. He also farms in connection with the homestead two hundred acres adjoining his farm on the south.

On February 3, 1897, G. K. Williams married Miss Margaret Rockwell, a daughter of James L. and Mary E. (Tattersall) Rockwell, natives of New York. The father was a blacksmith by trade and early in life went to Minnesota, where he remained until the war broke out. He enlisted and served for one year in a Minnesota regiment, being sent home at the end of that period on account of disability. He now makes his home with his children, his wife having died in June, 1880. Mr. and Mrs. Williams are the parents of Helen J., John L. and James T. S. Williams, who are respectively fifteen, fourteen and six years of age.

For several terms Mr. Williams has served as township trustee of Beaver township and has proven himself in that office and along many other lines a progressive and loyal citizen. He is interested in moral and intellectual development as much as in material achievement, and, while he has earned a competency, he has been an important factor in the development of his section, particularly along agricultural lines. His political belief is that of the democratic party, and he is loyal in his support of its measures and candidates. He is a man who practices Christianity. Mr. Williams has many friends in Beaver township and well merits the esteem and confidence which he enjoys.

ANDREW JOHN MUNN.

About the year 1867 Andrew John Munn became a resident of Boone, where he continued to make his home until called to his final rest on the 20th of January, 1900. He was a native of Oneida county, New York, born in the village of Whitesboro, February 25, 1840, his parents being James and Abigail (Patterson) Munn, who were married in that county. The father was of English lineage, while the mother came of Irish parentage. In their family were three children, all of whom are now deceased.

Andrew John Munn, who was the eldest, was reared at the place of his nativity and attended its public schools. When a young man he resolved to try his fortune in the middle west. Thinking to find better business opportunities in the Mississippi valley, he made his way to Boone county, Illinois, in company with his parents and two brothers. They were farming people and the father

carried on general agricultural pursuits there until his death, which occurred May 16, 1862, when he was forty-four years of age. The mother afterward journeyed farther west and after spending a number of years in Boone passed away at the home of her son Andrew on the 17th of December, 1888, when she was seventy years of age. The brothers of Andrew J. Munn were Wesley J. and Aaron W. The latter was a railroad man, connected with the Chicago & Northwestern for many years, and he passed away in Boone, August 18, 1913. Wesley J. Munn was born at Waterloo, New York, in 1846, and while acting as conductor on a train which was wrecked, he met his death at Crescent, Iowa, September 1, 1883.

Andrew J. Munn spent his boyhood and youth in the Empire state and there on the 18th of September, 1861, was married to Miss Sarah Carr, who was born in Oneida county, New York, December 5, 1844. Her parents were Ralph and Mary (Lawrence) Carr, the former a native of England and the latter of the state of New York, where they were married. The mother died there when a comparatively young woman and the father passed away in Creston, Iowa, at the age of seventy-five years. He had married again. For a long period he was in the employ of the Chicago, Burlington & Quincy Railroad. His people were of the Episcopalian faith, while his wife's people were of the Baptist faith. Mrs. Munn was one of six children, of whom two sisters are living: Mrs. Fannie Able, of Boone; and Mrs. James Walbran, of Osceola county, Iowa. The others of the family have passed away. Mr. and Mrs. Munn became the parents of four children: James W.; Mary, the wife of J. H. Richenberg, of Boone; Fanny, at home; and Arthur, a member of the firm of J. H. Richenberg & Company.

After removing to Boone Mr. Munn acted as check clerk in the freight house of the Chicago & Northwestern Railroad Company for many years and was regarded as a most reliable business man, always true and loyal to the interests which he represented. He served as alderman of Boone and was always interested in projects for the benefit of the public. He became one of the charter members of the Modern Woodmen camp at Boone and was most loyal to the teachings of that organization. Many sterling traits of character gained him warm friendship and high regard, and wherever known he enjoyed the respect and good-will of those with whom he was brought in contact.

JAMES WELLS MUNN.

James Wells Munn, the eldest son of Andrew John Munn, was born October 27, 1862, near Belvidere, Illinois, and was therefore a little lad of five years when, in 1867, he accompanied his parents to Boone, Iowa. Here at the usual age he became a pupil in the public schools and passed through consecutive grades until he reached the age of seventeen years, when he started out in the business world, beginning work in the freight department of the Chicago & Northwestern Railroad Company at Boone. When nineteen years of age he went to Council Bluffs and later to Omaha, Nebraska, where he was employed on the Elkhorn branch of the Chicago & Northwestern Railroad. He spent

several years there and in 1904 removed to Chicago, where he was appointed to a position in the office of the general passenger agent of the Chicago & Northwestern. He acted as chief clerk until 1912, when he was made assistant general passenger agent, which office was created at that time. No higher testimonial of his capability and fidelity can be given than the fact that throughout his entire business life he was retained in the service of a single corporation.

In 1883 James Munn was united in marriage to Miss Nettie Strong of Boone, who died in 1906. There were four children born of that union, two of whom, Maurice Andrew and James Wells, Jr., survive. The former is an art student in Chicago, while the latter is attending high school. Two of the children died at the ages of five and three years respectively.

The death of Mr. Munn occurred on the 13th of March, 1914, and he was laid to rest at Omaha, Nebraska. In Masonry he attained high rank, becoming a Knight Templar, and he was also a member of the Eastern Star at Chicago. He likewise belonged to the Royal Arcanum of Omaha, and he always attended and supported the Methodist Episcopal church. In the death of her husband and son Mrs. Andrew J. Munn has suffered a great bereavement, for both were men of high principles and noble purposes, greatly esteemed by all who knew them and at all times worthy of the highest regard.

ALBERT W. ADIX.

Albert W. Adix is successfully established as carpenter and contractor in Boone, also owning valuable real estate and deriving a gratifying income from his activities as a builder. He was born September 29, 1877, on the home farm in Yell township, Boone county, and is a son of Lewis W. and Fredericka (Krogman) Adix, natives of Mecklenburg-Schwerin, Germany, the former born March 4, 1833, and the latter November 13, 1841. Extended mention of them is made in another part of this work.

Albert W. Adix attended the public schools of his neighborhood, including the Hickory Grove school, laying aside his text-books at the age of eighteen. Before that time he had already busied himself on the homestead, but now devoted his entire attention to agricultural work, assisting his father with the operation of the farm. He subsequently bought this property and continued to work it until September, 1912, when he removed to Boone, becoming manager of the Adix Hotel and continuing in that capacity for about two years. He then rented the hotel and gave his attention to the carpentering and contracting business, having been very successful along that line since. In partnership with his brother, Frank D., he owns eighteen lots in the city and both are now engaged in a number of important transactions which will contribute to the growth and development of their city.

On July 10, 1907, in Chicago, Illinois, Mr. Adix married Miss Katy Kumpf, who was born in Boone, March 31, 1886, and attended the schools here from six until thirteen years of age. She is a daughter of George and Jennie (Henie) Kumpf, both living, the former a farmer of Minnesota. Mrs. Adix is a German Lutheran, having been confirmed in that church, and attends the local services



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of that organization. In their family are three children: Harold Albert, born August 31, 1908; Rosetta Katy, born February 22, 1910; and Laverne, born May 3, 1912. Mr. Adix is a democrat and is thoroughly conversant with the issues and questions of the day. He is ever interested in anything that pertains to the general advancement and is a useful citizen, who in a large measure enjoys the respect and esteem of all those who know him.

OSCAR JOHNSON.

Oscar Johnson, a well known merchant of Ogden, is successfully engaged in business as a member of the firm of Johnson Brothers & Bailey, who conduct the only exclusive grocery store in the town. His birth occurred in Moingona, Boone county, Iowa, in October, 1873, his parents being Charles E. and Bessie Johnson, both of whom are natives of Sweden. The father emigrated to the United States in 1866 and made his way direct to this county, locating at Mineral Ridge, where he was employed on the railroad until 1873. In that year he bought a tract of eighty acres on Marey township and began improving the property, while subsequently he extended the boundaries of his farm by additional purchase until it embraced one hundred and twenty acres of valuable and productive land. He devoted his attention to general agricultural pursuits with gratifying success until 1909, when he put aside the active work of the fields and erected a handsome residence in Ogden, where he has since lived in honorable retirement. The period of his residence in this county covers nearly a half century and he is widely recognized as one of its substantial and esteemed citizens. To him and his wife were born eleven children, five of whom still survive, namely: Robert, David E., Oscar, Harry and Ellen.

Oscar Johnson acquired his early education in his native town and subsequently pursued a commercial course in the Highland Park College of Des Moines. He then came to Ogden and here clerked in different stores for some time. In 1904 he embarked in business as a general merchant on his own account and at the end of six years opened a bakery and grocery establishment in partnership with his brother Harry. In 1912 they admitted H. L. Bailey to the firm, which has since been known as Johnson Brothers & Bailey, proprietors of the only exclusive grocery store in Ogden. They carry a large and well selected stock of staple and fancy groceries and are accorded an extensive patronage, enjoying an enviable reputation as reliable, enterprising and up-to-date merchants.

In March, 1901, Mr. Johnson was united in marriage to Miss Nellie Ogren, a daughter of A. G. and Anna Ogren, who were natives of Sweden. They emigrated to America in an early day and took up their abode in Geneseo, Illinois. The father, a tailor by trade, subsequently came to Boone, Iowa, and was here engaged in business as a tailor for a few years. The last years of his life were spent in Ogden, where he passed away in 1898, while his wife was called to her final rest in 1884. Mr. and Mrs. Johnson have one child, Beulah A., who is ten years of age.

In politics Mr. Johnson is a progressive, advocating the principles set forth by Theodore Roosevelt at the time of the birth of the party. He now serves as secretary of the local school board and the cause of education has ever found in him a stalwart champion. In religious faith he is a Methodist. He enjoys an extensive and favorable acquaintance in the county in which his entire life has been spent and has long been numbered among its prosperous and representative citizens.

HUGO E. SANDEN.

Hugo E. Sanden, formerly a partner in the Schwene Hardware Company of Ogden, belongs to that class of men known as self-made, for he had no special advantages at the outset of his career and no capital to aid him when he started out in business on his own account. He has worked persistently and energetically and at all times has kept in mind the old adage that honesty is the best policy.

Mr. Sanden was born in Marshall county, Kansas, September 25, 1879, and is a son of the Rev. P. J. and Amelia (Aurell) Sanden, who were natives of Sweden. Crossing the Atlantic to the new world in 1865, the father made his way to Chicago, where he was employed in a furniture factory. Later he removed to Minnesota, where he took up a homestead claim, and while in that state he also taught school for some time. He afterward went to Paxton, Illinois, where he entered the Theological Seminary and was graduated therefrom. Having thus qualified for the work of the ministry, he received and accepted a call from the Swedish Lutheran church at Chariton, Iowa, where he continued as pastor for four or five years. On the expiration of that period he went to Kansas, where he purchased land which he cultivated for ten years. During that time he also engaged in preaching, his salary being but fifty dollars per year. While there he was ordained and was elected a missionary, after which he organized churches in Missouri, working there for moral development and progress at the time that Jesse James was carrying on his reign of lawlessness and violence. At a subsequent date Mr. Sanden went to Marshall county, Kansas, where he purchased a farm, which he operated for nine years, and at the same time continued to preach on Sundays. In the fall of 1887 he went to Porter, Indiana, where he engaged in the work of the ministry until April 8, 1891. At that date he came to Ogden, Boone county, and for six and a half years engaged in preaching in Swede valley in Marcy township. On the expiration of that period he retired from the active work of the ministry and also to some extent from business affairs, removing to Texas, where he purchased fifteen acres of land. He only remained in the southwest for two years, however, after which he returned to this state, settling at Spencer, Iowa, where he engaged in preaching for four years. He then retired permanently and removed to Moingona, Iowa, where he resided until his death, which occurred on the 9th of May, 1911. His life was well worthy of emulation, for his influence was ever on the side of right, progress, justice and truth, and his teaching bore good fruits among those with whom he was associated. His widow survives him and yet makes her home in Ogden.

Hugo E. Sanden acquired his education in various places according to the removals of his parents. He afterward went to Moline, Illinois, where he was employed in a furniture factory for some time and on the 17th of March, 1902, he came to Ogden, where he has since made his home. Here he sought and obtained employment in the hardware store of William Schwene, his salary being five dollars per month at first. He remained with William Schwene for three and a half years and then went upon the road as a traveling salesman for the Majestic Manufacturing Company of St. Louis, continuing in that connection for a year. He afterward returned to Ogden and purchased an interest in the Schwene Hardware Company, the partners thereof at that time being Mr. Sanden, Charles Lindholm and William Schwene. Some time later the last named was killed and was succeeded by his brother, John F., who took his interest in the store. Mr. Sanden was manager of the business until they sold out recently.

On the 24th of October, 1909, Mr. Sanden was united in marriage to Miss Dora Clark of Perry, Iowa, a daughter of Elmer T. and Mattie (Miller) Clark, the former a native of Ohio, whence he came to Iowa, settling in Jones county at an early day in the period of its development. Later he removed to Ogden and subsequently began farming in Union township, Boone county, owning and operating his place until 1911, when he retired and removed to Perry. His wife also survives.

Mr. and Mrs. Sanden are well known in Ogden and have an extensive circle of warm friends which insures to them the hospitality of the best homes of the city. Mr. Sanden belongs to the Knights of Pythias lodge, gives his political allegiance to the republican party and attends the Congregational church. He is always found with those movements and measures which are indorsed by public opinion as worthy of support. In manner he is genial, courteous and social, and those qualities have won for him personal popularity.

JOHN HERRON.

In a history of the early settlers, whose efforts have been factors in the substantial development of Boone county, it is well that mention be made of John Herron, who arrived in the spring of 1860 and for many years was identified with the agricultural interests of this section of the state. Later he promoted and developed the Farmers Mutual Insurance Company, and his activities were ever of a character that contributed to public progress and prosperity as well as to individual success, making him a citizen of worth to the community. He was born in Carroll county, Ohio, March 24, 1825, a son of Thomas and Ruth (Davy) Herron. The father, who was a farmer, represented an old Ohio family of Irish lineage. His father came from Ireland and settled in Pennsylvania, whence he afterward removed to Ohio, becoming one of the pioneer settlers of that state. Thomas Herron was born in Pennsylvania, where he remained until about twenty years of age. Later he took up the profession of teaching in Ohio and while in that state was united in marriage to Miss Ruth Davy, who was also a representative of an old family there. He afterward followed farming in the Buck-

eye state until 1845, when death claimed him. His widow survived and passed away during the period of the Civil war. In their family were eight children, but only one is now living, a daughter, who resides at Magnolia, Carroll county, Ohio, at the advanced age of eighty-six years years.

John Herron was reared to the occupation of farming and during much of his life followed the work of the fields in Ohio and in Iowa. He was married in Tuscarawas county, Ohio, on the 1st of January, 1850, to Miss Miranda A. Kollar, who was born in Tuscarawas county in 1831, a daughter of Michael and Catherine (McCrary) Kollar, both of whom were natives of Pennsylvania, but were married in Ohio. Her maternal grandfather was from Ireland and married a lady of Pennsylvania-Dutch stock. Michael Kollar was a blacksmith by trade and followed that pursuit until his death, which occurred when his daughter, Mrs. Herron, was an infant of but a few months.

Mr. and Mrs. Herron began their domestic life in Ohio, but after about ten years removed to Iowa, arriving in the spring of 1860. They settled on a farm a mile east of Boone, in Des Moines township, Boone county, having traded their Ohio property for unimproved land in this state. They resided for a time in Boone while improving the farm by erecting buildings, but in the spring of 1861 took up their abode upon that place and there remained until Mr. Herron retired from active farm life and returned to Boone in 1882. Soon afterward he began formulating plans that resulted in the organization of the Farmers Mutual Insurance Company of Boone and for sixteen years devoted his time and energies to the establishment and upbuilding of the business, securing many subscribers and making the company one of strength and financial solidity. At length he retired from active business life and spent his remaining days in the enjoyment of a comfortable competence, which had come to him as a result of his carefully directed business affairs in former years.

To Mr. and Mrs. Herron were born six children, four being born in Ohio and two in Boone county. Five of the number reached adult age. Thomas S., the eldest, was one of the oldest engineers on the Chicago & Northwestern Railroad when he left that service. He died December 22, 1909, at the age of fifty-nine years, having for only about six months survived his wife, who in her maidenhood was Sarah Gillette and who passed away on the 13th of May, 1909. Isaac A., was employed as an engineer on the Chicago & Northwestern before he went west in 1881. He assisted in building the Oregon Short Line and was an engineer on that road for a long period, but now resides on a ranch near Glens Ferry, Idaho, and is recognized as a prominent and influential business man there. He operated the water system at that place and has otherwise been connected with public interests. He was married in Idaho and has four children: John, who is now a member of the United States navy; Thomas, a fireman on the Oregon Short Line, residing at Pocatello, Idaho; Leota, a teacher; and Isaac Elmore, a fireman now residing at Lincoln, Nebraska. Salina Isabelle was married in 1875 to Marion Boyd, a harness maker and farmer who died in 1880. They had a daughter, Edith Ethel, who is now the wife of Edgar Houser, a policeman of Boone. They have one daughter, Mary Isabelle Houser. Mrs. Houser's first husband was Robert Lithcow and they had one son, Marion B. Lithcow, who was twelve years of age on the 9th of February, 1914. Mr. and Mrs. Marion Boyd had two sons, Warren M. and Thomas Marion, who died in infancy. Margaret,

the fourth member of the Herron family, is the wife of Marcellus Smith, a resident of Royal, Clay county, Iowa, where he is engaged in the real-estate business. They have three children: Mrs. Lottie Chessley, of Spencer, Iowa; John, living at Royal, Iowa; and Nora, of Boone. James A., is a farmer near Ogden, Boone county, and married Mrs. Hannah Cook. Ruth died at the age of four years.

Politically Mr. Herron was a stalwart republican, giving unfaltering support to that party and its principles. He served for many years as county assessor, and the record which he made in office was highly creditable. He was entitled to wear the Grand Army button by reason of his service as a member of Company D, Thirty-second Iowa Volunteer Infantry, with which he remained for nineteen months. He was afterward a hospital nurse until the close of the war. In later years he joined the Grand Army Post, while his wife became a member of the Women's Relief Corps. His religious faith was that of the Presbyterian church, and its principles were the actuating spirit in his life, making him a man whom to know was to respect and honor. He remained a resident of this part of the state from the spring of 1860 until he passed away, on the 30th of September, 1899, and throughout that period his many good traits of character gained for him an extended circle of warm friends.

JOHN F. SCHWENE.

John F. Schwene was successfully engaged in business at Ogden as a member of the Schwene Hardware Company, for six years, or until April, 1914, his partners in the enterprise were Hugo E. Sanden and Charles G. Lindholm. Mr. Schwene has now retired from business, having sold out to C. E. Cook and Charles G. Lindholm, the firm being known as Cook & Lindholm. The birth of Mr. Schwene occurred in Clinton county, Iowa, on the 11th of September, 1872, his parents being Chris and Phoebe (Heldt) Schwene, both of whom are natives of Germany. They emigrated to the United States in an early day and took up their abode in Clinton county, this state. The father, a carpenter by trade, there worked at that occupation for some time and afterward came to Boone county, here cultivating a rented tract of land for a time. Subsequently he purchased and improved a farm which he operated continuously and successfully until 1912, when he put aside the active work of the fields and removed to Ogden, where he has since lived in honorable retirement. Both he and his wife enjoy an extensive and favorable acquaintance throughout the community, being widely recognized as people of genuine personal worth.

John F. Schwene was reared and educated in Clinton and Boone counties, being nine years of age when the family home was established in the latter county. He lived with his parents on the home place until the time of his marriage, when his father and mother removed to Ogden, but he continued on the farm for four years longer. On the expiration of that period he also took up his abode in Ogden and for one year was engaged in the wagon business. It was at the end of that time that he became identified with the Schwene Hardware Company, purchasing the interest of his brother, who had been accidentally killed. His associates in the enterprise were Hugo E. Sanden and Charles G.

Lindholm. They were accorded a liberal and well merited patronage and always carried an extensive stock of shelf and heavy hardware, occupying two floors and basement. Cook & Lindholm are now the owners of the business. In the conduct of his business interests Mr. Schwene displayed unusual executive ability and keen discernment, and prosperity came to him in gratifying measure.

Mr. Schwene has been married twice. On the 27th of February, 1902, he wedded Miss Theresa Wrede, by whom he had a son, Carl, who is now nine years of age. The wife and mother passed away on the 9th of December, 1906, after a short illness. On the 27th of February, 1912, Mr. Schwene was again married, his second union being with Miss Lizzie Boderius, who died on the 10th of June, 1913, after a four days' illness.

Mr. Schwene gives his political allegiance to the republican party, while his religious faith is that of the German Lutheran church. He is well known and has many friends throughout the community and, being greatly interested in its general welfare, he takes an active part in all measures of reform and progress.

EBER N. GARVIN.

Many substantial evidences of the enterprise, laudable ambition and the handiwork of Eber N. Garvin are seen in good buildings of Ogden and the surrounding country, for during an extended period he was connected with building operations and did important work as a contractor. At length, with the gratifying success which was the merited reward of his labors, he retired and is not connected with business enterprises to any active extent at the present. He was born in Caledonia county, Vermont, May 25, 1845, and is a son of Allen and Elsie (Powers) Garvin. His father was a native of New Hampshire, while the mother's birth occurred in Vermont. She represents one of the oldest New England families, it being possible to trace the ancestry back to the Mayflower. Allen Garvin followed farming in Vermont for many years, but before entering into active connection with agricultural interests he engaged in freighting by team across the country from Boston. In 1874 he came to Boone county, where he resided for five years, or until 1879, when he removed to Guthrie county, Iowa. There he made his home with his son until 1886, when he returned to Boone county to live with his son Eber, with whom he continued until his death, which occurred May 17, 1888, when he was eighty-six years of age. For a few years he had survived his wife, who died on the 23d of August, 1885.

Eber N. Garvin was a resident of the Green Mountain state to the age of ten years and during that period began his education in the public schools. He then went to Wisconsin, where he continued his studies and in which state he remained until 1873. In the meantime his patriotic spirit was aroused by the continued attempt of the south to overthrow the Union and on the 29th of August, 1864, when but nineteen years of age, he enlisted for service at the front as a member of Company C, Forty-third Wisconsin Infantry, with which he was on duty for one year, or until after the close of the war.

When mustered out Mr. Garvin returned to Wisconsin, where he engaged in farming until 1873. He then came to Iowa, settling in Osceola county, where he



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secured a homestead, upon which he resided for a year and a half before coming to Ogden, Boone county. Following his removal he engaged in teaming for a few years or until 1881 and then began working at his trade, that of carpenter and builder. In Ogden he erected for his residence one of the model homes in the northeastern part of the town, and he has built many good dwellings in his part of the county. Thoroughness has ever characterized his workmanship, and he has paid due heed to both utility and beauty in construction.

On the 12th of November, 1868, Mr. Garvin was united in marriage to Miss Orphia A. Potts, a daughter of Samuel A. and Lydia (Tillotson) Potts, the former a minister of the Gospel, devoting much of his life to the preaching of Christian doctrines. He died in 1880 and for almost a quarter of a century was survived by his wife, who passed away in the spring of 1913, at the age of ninety-three years.

Unto Mr. and Mrs. Garvin have been born five children: Mary, the wife of Samuel Dana, residing in Boone; Orland D., who died in November, 1904; Myrtle, the wife of George Anderson, a resident of South Dakota; Roscoe, residing at home; and John, who is in Boone. The wife and mother passed away in September, 1903, after a brief illness, and her death was deeply regretted by all who knew her.

Mr. Garvin votes with the republican party, which he has supported since age conferred upon him the right of franchise, but he has never sought office as a reward for party fealty. He belongs to Buford Post, G. A. R., of Ogden, and he thus maintains a close and pleasant relation with those who wore the blue while he, too, was a soldier upon the tented fields of the south. He has always been as loyal to his country in times of peace as in times of war and has the deepest attachment for the nation's starry banner.

CHARLES FRANKLIN METCALF.

Charles Franklin Metcalf, who owns a substantial home in Madrid, of which city he has been a resident for many years, is at present street commissioner. He is respected and esteemed by all who know him and stands high in the community. Born in Jefferson county, Indiana, March 20, 1857, he is a son of Charles and Sophia (Hardenbrook) Metcalf, the former a native of Kentucky and the latter of Madison, Indiana. The father died in the Hoosier state in 1875, the Metcalf family having removed from Kentucky to Indiana. Mrs. Metcalf, who was born in 1841, now resides in Marshalltown, Iowa. They had two children, of whom Charles Franklin of this review is the elder. His sister, Mrs. Flora Vancleave, who was born in Jefferson county, Indiana, died in Salina, Kansas.

Charles F. Metcalf came with his parents to Iowa in 1867 by the overland route, the family locating on a farm near Minburn in Dallas county. While he gave some attention to farming, he also devoted a number of years to the livery business, in which he was successful, and also undertook threshing for other farmers. The father had purchased a farm near Minburn, but in 1872 the son returned to Indiana, where he was engaged in logging for about three

years. In 1875 he again came to Iowa and has since continuously resided in this state. He and his wife own a well furnished home in Madrid, provided with every convenience. Mrs. Metcalf enjoys a statewide reputation for her excellent cooking and the large number of people who are entertained at the Metcalf home and partake of her table attest to her popularity and ability. Both Mr. and Mrs. Metcalf are industrious people and have acquired a position of financial independence by quietly persevering in their pursuits. They have secured a competency through their own efforts by following the long established motto of doing well everything they undertake to do. They have acquired a host of friends, all of whom appreciate them for their high qualities of character.

On March 15, 1882, Mr. Metcalf was married in Minburn, Iowa, to Miss Mahala Minerva Harmon, who was born in Canada, November 7, 1863, but removed to Illinois with her mother when a child of two years, in 1865, settlement being made at Somonauk. Her parents were Elias and Anna Maria (Lambkin) Harmon, the former born near Montreal, Canada, May 6, 1830, and the latter December 28, 1834. The father died June 26, 1869, his widow surviving him for many years. Her death occurred in North Dakota, October 10, 1912. In their family were the following children: Matilda Jane, who was born January 7, 1856, and died March 7, 1860; Mrs. Mary Hannah Shaffer, born August 17, 1857, now a resident of Joliet, Illinois; John Sylvester, born August 4, 1859, who makes his home in Boston, Massachusetts; Mrs. Delilah Jane States, born June 15, 1861, who resides in Crosby, North Dakota; Mrs. Charles Franklin Metcalf; Josiah Brien, born September 10, 1865, who resides at Pocahontas, Iowa; and Mrs. Ida Lilly Stodbraker, who was born November 20, 1867, and lives in Chicago, Illinois.

Of the five children born to Mr. and Mrs. Metcalf the two oldest are natives of Dallas county and the three younger of Boone county. They are: Mrs. Mabel Holliday, born February 6, 1884, residing in Polk county; Harry S., whose birth occurred November 10, 1886, and who resides in Madrid; Mrs. Grace Slade, born December 28, 1888, of Omaha, Nebraska; Maude, born October 5, 1889, a school teacher of Polk county; and Cyrus, who was born February 18, 1894, and is employed as a bridge worker in Iowa by the Chicago, Milwaukee & St. Paul Railway. These children were reared in Boone county, all receiving a common-school education, while Maude Metcalf graduated from the Madrid high school. Politically Mr. Metcalf is a republican. He has always taken a lively interest in the progress of his city and is at present efficiently serving as street commissioner of Madrid.

JOSEPH SAUNDERS.

With the death of Joseph Saunders on October 16, 1907, there passed from Boone county history a veteran pioneer who for almost fifty-four years had been a resident of that county and who had made valuable contribution to its growth and advancement. At the time of his demise he resided in Worth township, where he was widely and favorably known and highly esteemed by young and old. He was a veteran of the Mexican war and is therefore entitled to great

honor, for he was one of those who took up the cause of the flag in those critical days and who helped to secure to the United States a vast territory where now reside millions of its contented citizens.

Mr. Saunders was born in Tennessee, July 1, 1827, and after the death of his father accompanied his mother to Putnam county, Indiana, being then but five years of age. There he grew to young manhood. He was reared mostly in the home of his grandmother, Mrs. Summers, who resided in Putnam county, but later made his home for several years with a Mr. Simpson, with whom he remained until the time of his enlistment. He spent one year in rafting logs down the Mississippi river and then enlisted at the age of nineteen, serving with honor and distinction in the Mexican war. Returning to Indiana he attended school for a year and in 1850 crossed the plains to California, where he was engaged for four years in mining.

In 1854 Mr. Saunders was united in marriage to Miss Susan McIntosh, an aunt of James Whitcomb McIntosh, in connection with whom extended mention is made of the McIntosh family on other pages of this work. Mrs. Saunders, who now makes her home in Boone with a daughter, Mrs. Irving M. L'Hommedieu, was born in Putnam county, Indiana, September 17, 1833, and is a daughter of George and Elizabeth (Boone) McIntosh. She visited a brother and other relatives in Boone county in 1853 and upon her return to Indiana married Mr. Saunders. Her ancestors both in the paternal and maternal lines were Revolutionary patriots, and their descendants are all eligible to membership in the Sons and Daughters of the American Revolution.

Mr. and Mrs. Saunders came to Boone in 1854, settling on a farm in Worth township which for more than fifty-three years remained their home. Settlers in those early days were few and far between, and they were among the sturdy pioneers who braved the dangers of the wild and underwent the hardships of frontier life. Mr. Saunders closely applied himself to breaking his land and bringing it under cultivation and as the years passed his labors were crowned with success. Buildings sprang up on his farm, and it became one of the most valuable in the neighborhood. Upon it he erected a comfortable home which was renowned throughout the vicinity for its hospitality. Mr. Saunders was a man of unswerving integrity and fidelity to duty, which characteristics he displayed as a soldier, as a citizen, as a husband and as a father. He was always a kind and considerate friend and neighbor. He led a strenuous life which brought him prosperity and which was useful in the advancement of his section.

Mr. and Mrs. Saunders became the parents of ten children: George D., of Rockford, Washington; W. A., of Los Angeles, California; Grant, of Douglas township, Boone county; Ivan, of Luther; Lucy A., the wife of Alvin Graves of Des Moines; Bessie Viola, who married French Luther; Permelia, the wife of W. H. Crooks, who is mentioned elsewhere in this work; Melinda L., the wife of Irving M. L'Hommedieu of Boone; Emmett, who died in infancy; and Commodore Perry, who passed away at the age of eighteen.

Mr. Saunders died October 16, 1907, after having passed his eightieth birthday. A large concourse of sorrowing relatives and friends attended his funeral, and many beautiful floral tributes were laid upon his casket. The services were conducted by Rev. Longbrake, of the Universalist church, of which Mr. Saunders

was a member and to which his widow still belongs. The memory of Mr. Saunders still lives with all who knew him and who respected him for what he achieved in life and the qualities of his character which made possible his success.

S. C. BARRETT.

For about a quarter of a century S. C. Barrett has lived retired in Boone after a successful agricultural career. He still owns one hundred and sixty acres of land on sections 9 and 16, Colfax township, deriving a gratifying income from this source.

Mr. Barrett was born in Jefferson county, New York, January 8, 1853, a son of Enos and Louisa (Bellinger) Barrett, who came to Boone county in 1855, settling on a farm in Worth township three miles south of Boone, this property being now owned by F. W. Fitch. Mr. and Mrs. Enos Barrett after years of successful farm labor retired to Boone about twenty years ago and there they resided until their deaths, the father passing away October 11, 1896, at the age of eighty-four, and the mother December 22, 1891, aged seventy-three. Enos Barrett was born in Vermont, and his marriage occurred in New York. He was a millwright by trade and built mills in the east and also the first grist mill at Boone, the order being given by a Mr. Hoover. He afterward gave his attention to farming and was successful along that line. After taking up his residence in Boone he served as councilman. Both he and his wife were members of the Methodist church, and fraternally the former was a Mason. In their family were the following children: George W., who served for four years in the Civil war; Isaac L., of Boone; Mrs. Malinda E. Rogers, a widow, who also resides in this city; John R., of Ida Grove; a son who died in infancy; Mrs. Carr, who passed away in South Dakota; Ellen A., who died in Boone in April, 1909; Enos, who died when quite young; and S. C., whose name heads this sketch.

S. C. Barrett was reared and educated in Boone county, graduating from the Boone high school under Principal N. E. Goldthwaite. He was married in 1877 and subsequently located on a farm in Worth township but four years later purchased land in Colfax township, near Luther, where he remained for some time. In 1902 he acquired title to a farm which he still owns and which is easily worth two hundred to two hundred and twenty-five dollars an acre. He brought his fields to a high state of productivity and erected a number of substantial buildings, improving his property in many ways, so that it is now one of the most valuable in that neighborhood. Land prices now being about two hundred dollars per acre, it is interesting to note that Mr. Barrett acquired his first acreage at the rate of about fourteen dollars per acre.

In 1877 S. C. Barrett married Miss Mary E. Boyd, who was born April 24, 1857, in Clinton county, Iowa, near Lyons, and is a daughter of James and Mary (Sloan) Boyd, who removed to Boone county in 1869, locating in Colfax township, where the father purchased one thousand acres of land, paying between seven and ten dollars per acre. This is now worth two hundred and fifty dollars per acre, the extraordinary advance in price being evidence of the progress which

has been made in this part of the state. Byron Boyd, a brother of Mrs. Barrett, now lives in the old Boyd home, and two other brothers, George and John, also reside in Colfax township. Marion Boyd, another member of the family, died on the home farm, leaving a widow.

S. C. Barrett is a republican and has always been loyal to the principles of his party. He served as constable in Colfax township in 1892 and 1893 and for about ten years was a justice of the peace in Boone county, part of the time in Colfax township and part in Boone. Fraternally he is a charter member of Boone Lodge, No. 492, I. O. O. F., Mrs. Barrett belonging to the Rebekah degree. Both have contributed to the advancement of the city and county, being ranked among the most esteemed and respected residents of Boone, where they have many friends.

CHRIS E. CHRISTENSEN.

Chris E. Christensen, who owns a valuable farm of ninety-four acres on section 12, Beaver township, is a native of Denmark, that little kingdom of northern Europe which is so justly famous for its farm achievements, and it seems that he has brought with him a goodly amount of that agricultural talent which is conceded to be a gift of his race. He was born in March, 1878, and is a son of Enevold and Carrie (Jensen) Christensen, Danish people. The father followed agriculture in his native land and there farmed until he passed away in 1885. The mother died in 1890.

Chris E. Christensen enjoyed the educational advantages provided in his native land and there for a time worked as bookkeeper for a creamery company. He held this position in Denmark for three years, learning valuable business methods and becoming acquainted with the industry which is the greatest of that country. In 1904 Mr. Christensen emigrated to America and located in Wisconsin, there remaining for three months. He then went to Winnebago county, Iowa, for a short time and subsequently to Missouri, where for five months he hired out as a farm hand. At the end of that time he made his entrance into Boone county, continuing in the same occupation for six months. Being industrious and thrifty, he had by that time acquired the means which enabled him to rent a farm in Marcy township which he operated for six years. He then bought ninety-four acres on section 12, Beaver township, and he has improved this tract to such an extent that it is now considered one of the most valuable properties of his district. Mr. Christensen is thoroughly imbued with modern ideas regarding farming and is ever ready to adopt new methods in order to increase the yield of his acres and to raise the standard of his output.

On March 1, 1911, Chris E. Christensen married Ellen G. Rockwell, daughter of James L. and Mary E. (Tattersall) Rockwell, natives of New York. The father followed the blacksmith's trade and worked in Minnesota until the Civil war broke out, when he enlisted for one year's service with a Minnesota regiment. He was sent home at the end of that time with an honorable discharge which was given him on account of disability. He now makes his home with his children. His wife died in June, 1880.

Mr. and Mrs. Christensen have a son, Paul R., two years of age. Mr. Christensen is a stockholder in the Independent Harvester Company of Plano, Illinois, and always a leader in modern agricultural thought. He has done much toward stimulating interest in his section and has introduced standards which have been adopted by others. He is a stock-raiser, giving particular attention to cattle, and feeds about one car load a year. He gives his allegiance to the Methodist church and enjoys the high esteem of the community. Mr. Christensen is a patriotic and public-spirited man, although he is not politically active. He has thoroughly conformed himself to American ideas and combines the thorough knowledge which he acquired in his native country with the aggressive spirit of the successful American business man.

BENJAMIN WILLIAMS.

One of the earliest pioneers of Douglas township and one to whose memory high honor is still paid by all who knew him was Benjamin Williams, who located at Elk Rapids in the spring of 1847. He was a frontiersman of the sturdy type who unflinchingly took upon his shoulders the hardest work and who carried to success all undertakings which he began. He was one of the trail blazers for the civilization that came in his wake and that made Iowa the prosperous state which it is today—the civilization that brought comfort, education and untold opportunities to those who came after the pioneer era. As regards the early history of Boone county, a niche of honor has to be conceded to Benjamin Williams.

Mr. Williams was born in Preble county, Ohio, in 1817 and while yet a small boy moved overland with his parents to Putnam county, Indiana, which remained his home until his early manhood. There he married Elsa Ann Strong, the young couple afterward removing to Illinois. In the fall of 1846 he came by the overland route to Iowa and in the spring of 1847 located at Elk Rapids, Douglas township. His wife died not long afterward, having borne him six children: Mrs. Sarah Risler, deceased; John, deceased; Spencer, a Union soldier who died during the great conflict between the North and the South; Margaret, of Colorado; Henry, deceased; and Isaac, also residing in Colorado. Subsequently Mr. Williams returned to Indiana, where he married America McIntosh, who died after four years of wedded life, at Elk Rapids, Iowa, leaving three children: Mrs. Mary Westbrook, of Terre Haute, Indiana; Joseph, deceased; and George, of Colorado. On September 13, 1857, Mr. Williams contracted another union, marrying in Worth township, Boone county, Mrs. Elizabeth Goodrich, who was born in Putnam county, Indiana, August 10, 1832. There she grew to womanhood. Her first husband was Perry Goodrich, who was born in Vigo county, Indiana, and died near Bowling Green, that state, at the early age of thirty-three years. Mr. and Mrs. Goodrich had three children. Daniel B. resides in Terre Haute, Indiana. Mrs. Julia Harvey, born in Putnam county, Indiana, March 20, 1853, died in Boone, Iowa, August 22, 1912. In 1868 she married William M. Harvey, by whom she had four children: Nellie E. Harvey, of Boone, one of the most successful teachers of this county; Wil-



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liam H. Harvey, of Des Moines; Ernest Harvey, who died March 8, 1897; and Mrs. Pearl McNeil, of Boone, Iowa. Mary, the youngest child of Mr. and Mrs. Goodrich, died in infancy. Mr. and Mrs. Williams had ten children, of whom five died quite young. The other five were: Hannah, who passed away at the age of fourteen; Squire B., born May 13, 1860, who died at Madrid, April 14, 1912; W. H., who was born March 7, 1863, and is a successful live-stock buyer in Madrid; Perry O., of Des Moines; and Mrs. Alice A. Wells, who was born December 1, 1866, and died in Madrid, July 19, 1897. She married Charles E. Wells, October 17, 1884. Mr. and Mrs. Wells had three sons: Emory, born in February, 1886, who was educated in the Madrid public schools and then served four years in the United States navy, now residing at Woodward, Iowa; Vaughn H., born March 4, 1889, of Woodward; and Gail, born June 25, 1895, who is attending school at Washington, D. C. For many years these children received the loving care of their grandmother, Mrs. Benjamin Williams, and being particularly near her heart, it is but fitting and proper that their names should be embodied in this review.

When Mr. Williams came to Iowa no railroads traversed the prairies. Des Moines was a hamlet of log huts, and Boone county was a wilderness. No mill, no store, no shop, no church, no schoolhouse could be found within a hundred miles. The nearest trading points were Iowa City and Keokuk. From these facts it is not difficult to deduce what obstacles confronted the young pioneer from Indiana. That he conquered and that he won a livelihood and competence is to be ascribed to his perseverance, his industry and his sturdiness of character. As the years rolled by his material resources increased, and his thriftiness bore fruit. Moreover, he established himself in the esteem and respect of his fellow citizens, who looked up to him in admiration and turned to him for advice and counsel. Although he was a forceful man, he was tender-hearted and ever ready to extend a helping hand to those who were struggling with adverse circumstances or who had fallen by the wayside. Mr. Williams was a democrat and loyal to his political profession. He was a member of the Baptist church, to which Mrs. Williams also gives her adherence. He stood high in his church and his community and by his honorable conduct reflected honor upon his section. The betterment of individual and community was nearest his heart, and every act he undertook he considered conscientiously, judging it from the standpoint in which it would be seen by his contemporaries. He was successful and secured a competency because he put his heart in his work and because he followed honorable methods. His death was a severe blow not only to his immediate family but to all who knew him, and his memory is kept alive because of the influence which his strong personality exerted upon the growth of his part of the state. Gathered to his fathers in the flesh, his spirit lives in the progressive works of the present generation, the accomplishment of which was made possible by his pioneer labors.

Mrs. Williams is passing her declining years in a handsome home in Madrid. "Aunt Betty," as she is familiarly called, is a favorite with all and a welcome visitor to all the homes of the community. She has the brave spirit of her famous ancestor, Daniel Boone, her maiden name being Boone and she being a direct descendant of the great pioneer, and this courage has enabled her to worthily perform the duties that have fallen to her lot in a long life filled with

helpful activity. The respect and tenderness shown her by friends and relatives are hers by right, and it can be truthfully said that by her sunny disposition she has dispelled more gathering clouds than any other individual in the community.

EMMET R. GONDER.

Emmet R. Gonder, engaged in general farming on section 19, Beaver township, has charge of the old homestead of the Gonder family and also cultivates an adjoining forty acres which he owns. He is yet a young man and has already achieved success that many might well envy. He is busily employed in operating two hundred and ten acres of rich and productive land, and the results obtained are gratifying.

In May, 1881, in Illinois, occurred the birth of Emmet R. Gonder, his parents being William and Ellen Jane (Shaw) Gonder, who were natives of Ohio. The father came to Illinois at an early day and in connection with farming engaged in teaching school. His time was thus spent until 1884, when he removed to Boone county and purchased a tract of land in Beaver township, which he developed and improved, making his home thereon until 1912. He then retired from active farm life and removed to Grand Junction, where he and his wife now reside. He long occupied a creditable place in agricultural circles of this county and is today classed among the worthy and representative citizens of Grand Junction.

Emmet R. Gonder was about two years of age when his parents came to Iowa, and in consequence he attended the public schools of Boone county. Advanced educational opportunities were accorded him, however, and he spent some time as a student in the State College at Ames, Iowa, in the Des Moines College, Des Moines, and in the Capital City Commercial College of Des Moines. He then took up the profession of teaching, which he followed for three years, having charge of the commercial department of the Iowa Business College at Des Moines. He afterward accepted a position with the Goldman-Cobacker Company, clothing merchants, being in charge of the credit department for three years. Because of failing health he returned to the farm, of which he took charge, and he has since conducted and operated it in addition to forty acres of his own, which adjoins this place, on section 19, Beaver township. He is energetic, industrious, alert and enterprising and carries forward to successful completion whatever he undertakes. The farm is well improved, and in addition to cultivating the fields he makes a specialty of the raising of pure-blooded Duroc Jersey hogs. He is also a stockholder in the Beaver Cooperative Company of Beaver, Iowa, and is interested in a threshing outfit. The farm which he controls comprises two hundred and ten acres, and he is leading a busy, useful and active life.

On the 30th of December, 1911, Mr. Gonder was married to Miss Josephine A. Treloar, a daughter of Joseph and Margaret (Kendall) Treloar, the former a native of Wisconsin and the latter of Des Moines. The father was a Baptist minister and at an early day in the development of Boone county took up his

abode within its borders and here engaged in preaching for three years. He is now living in Houston, Texas, and is still actively engaged in the work of the ministry. Mr. and Mrs. Gonder have one child, Mildred Alice, who is a year old. The parents hold membership in the Baptist church, and Mr. Gonder gives his political allegiance to the progressive party. He is serving for the second year as township clerk, but has never been ambitious in the line of office holding, preferring to concentrate his energies upon his business affairs, which, capably managed, have brought to him a substantial measure of success.

GEORGE BRUNTON.

The name of Brunton has long been a synonym for business activity and for individual honor in Boone. George Brunton was born in this city, August 7, 1882, a son of Robert D. and Mary (Marshall) Brunton, of whom mention is made on another page of this volume. Spending his youthful days under the parental roof, the son attended the public and high schools and in 1899 made his initial step in the business world in connection with journalism. He secured a position as reporter on the Daily News, which paper afterward purchased the Evening Republican. The two were consolidated under the name of the News Republican, which has been most liberally patronized. Entering the office in a humble capacity, George Brunton has steadily worked his way upward until he is now manager of the paper and handles practically all of the business connected with its management and publication as well as its advertising. In fact, he looks after the many divisions and details of the work and in its control displays sound judgment and enterprise. When first he entered the newspaper business he was the one especially recommended by the superintendent of schools as ready to occupy a business position, and he has proven worthy of the good words which were then spoken of him. He keeps in touch with the advancement that characterizes modern journalism, and during the state Grand Army encampment he alone reported the entire affair, his account thereof being creditable to himself as a journalist and highly pleasing to the blue clad veterans.

Mr. Brunton is well known socially and fraternally. He is a life member of the Eks lodge, a member of the Knights of Pythias, No. 324, and of the Pocahontas Lodge, I. O. R. M. His name is also on the membership roll of the Country Club, and he is serving as one of its directors. He is likewise a member of the board of directors of the Boone Commercial Association and is chairman of its publicity committee. Mr. Brunton is also a director of the Boone Chautauqua Association. His political allegiance is given to the republican party, and his religious faith is that of the Presbyterian church. He is also a member of the Methodist Brotherhood. His interest in moral progress is deep and his labors along that line effective. He has always been fond of clean sport and is interested in the Young Men's Christian Association. He is known throughout Boone as the school boy's friend, always standing up for the unfortunate erring boys and assisting them to obtain an education and gain a start in the world. He believes that many youthful misdemeanors are due to environment or thoughtlessness and that every boy should be given his chance to prove the character that is

within him and that may be developed. The general opinion of Mr. Brunton can best be expressed in the words of a prominent business man of Boone, who said: "Whatever George says he will do he does and does exceedingly well." He is an expert with the kodak and has a most attractive collection of pictures taken on his travels. Not to know George Brunton in Boone is to argue oneself unknown. He is entirely free from ostentation or display, but it is not the distinctive and specific office of biography to give voice to a man's modest estimate of himself and his accomplishments, but rather to leave the perpetual record establishing his position by the consensus of public opinion and, judged in this way, George Brunton may well be termed one of the foremost men of Boone and there are, indeed, few if any who are better liked by colleagues and contemporaries.

WILLIAM R. DYER.

William R. Dyer, who was identified with agricultural pursuits in Boone county throughout his active business career, has lived retired in Boone since 1901 and is widely recognized as an esteemed and representative citizen of the community. His birth occurred in Coles county, Illinois, on the 5th of December, 1844, his parents being William and Elizabeth (Cartwright) Dyer, both of whom were natives of Indiana. They came to Boone county, this state, in November, 1853, locating in Worth township, where the father devoted his attention to farming. He died in Boone on the 18th of December, 1890, and the community thus lost one of its substantial and respected citizens. His wife was called to her final rest in the year 1897. They became the parents of seven children, as follows: Andrew J., who is deceased; William R., of this review; Sarah, who is the widow of J. H. Hoffman and resides in Boone; Reddick J., who has passed away; Zimri P., living in Paskenta, California; John, of Worth township, Boone county; and Clara E., who is the wife of John Jennings, of Oklahoma.

William R. Dyer was in his eighteenth year when he enlisted for service in the Civil war on the 11th of August, 1862, as a member of Company D, Thirty-second Iowa Volunteer Infantry, with which command he remained for three years and twenty-four days. He was mustered out at St. Louis, Missouri, and honorably discharged on the 4th of September, 1865, returning home with a most creditable military record. General agricultural pursuits claimed his attention throughout his entire business career and he still owns a valuable tract of land comprising one hundred and sixty acres in this county. In 1901 he put aside the active work of the fields and purchased a residence in Boone, where he has since lived in honorable retirement, spending the evening of life in comfort and ease.

On the 18th of February, 1869, Mr. Dyer was united in marriage to Miss Almira Doran, a native of Ohio and a daughter of George and Lydia (Steel-smith) Doran, who were born in Pennsylvania and came to Boone county, Iowa, in the '50s, locating on a farm in Des Moines township. Both have passed away. Their children were six in number, as follows: Sarah, who is deceased; Mrs. Almira Dyer; George, who has also passed away; Angeline,



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who is the wife of George Bennett and resides in Oregon; James, deceased; and Julia, the wife of George Millard of Des Moines township, this county. George Doran was twice married, his first union being with Maria Cobb, by whom he had two children: Thomas B.; and Andrew J., a resident of Prescott, Arizona. Unto Mr. and Mrs. Dyer were born thirteen children, as follows: Arthur G., who is a resident of San Diego, California; Doran, who died in infancy; Zimri, who has passed away; Adelbert, living in Prescott, Arizona; Alta, at home; Ruth, a high-school principal in Scranton, Iowa; Daisy, who is engaged in the profession of teaching; Paul, living in Colfax township, this county; Arizona, the wife of Elmer Smalley, of Jackson township, Boone county; George M., deceased; John, living in Colfax township, this county; and Morton and Lydia, both of whom are deceased.

Mr. Dyer gives his political allegiance to the republican party and has been chosen to serve in all the township offices, his worth and ability being uniformly recognized. From 1880 until 1885 he did able service as a member of the board of supervisors. He belongs to the Grand Army of the Republic and was a member of the Soldiers Relief Commission. He is also a devoted member of the Methodist church. Mr. Dyer has many friends in the community where he has resided for more than six decades, and his excellent traits of character have gained for him the respect and regard of his fellowmen.

CHARLES G. LINDHOLM.

Charles G. Lindholm, gradually working his way upward in the business world, was for a time partner in the Schwene Hardware Company of Ogden, which he and C. E. Cook bought out April 1, 1914, the firm now being Cook & Lindholm. Theirs is a large establishment, occupying two floors and basement of one of the leading business blocks of the city. Boone county is indebted in considerable measure for its upbuilding and prosperity to its Swedish American citizens, to which class belongs Charles G. Lindholm, who was born in Sweden, June 28, 1868. He is a son of Louis and Sophia (Erickson) Lindholm, both of whom were natives of Sweden. The father was a cabinet-maker by trade and in early life came to America. He did not tarry on the eastern coast, but made his way at once into the interior of the country, settling at Boone in the spring of 1869. There he worked at his trade for about a year, on the expiration of which period he removed to Ogden, where he resumed work as a cabinet-maker, being thus engaged throughout the remainder of his days. He passed away in 1878. His widow survives and yet makes her home in Ogden.

It was in the city where he is now located that Charles G. Lindholm was reared and educated, being indebted to its public-school system for the educational opportunities which he enjoyed. When the period of his youth had passed he entered a hardware store and there learned the tinner's and plumber's trades. He worked in that way for about fifteen years and then purchased a third interest in the Schwene Hardware Company, his partners being H. E. Sanden and John F. Schwene. He and C. E. Cook now own the company. They have one of the large stores of this kind in the county, carrying an extensive stock which is dis-

played on two floors and in the basement of a good business block built in Ogden. Here can be found everything in the line of tinware and shelf and heavy hardware and their sales reach a gratifying figure annually.

In June, 1898, Mr. Lindholm was united in marriage to Miss Susie Lindblom, a daughter of Louis and Martha (Seestrom) Lindblom, who were natives of Sweden and pioneer settlers of Boone county. The father was a hoisting engineer during most of his life in the coal mines and death called him in 1910, his widow surviving him until 1911. Unto Mr. and Mrs. Lindholm have been born the following children: Lester, Fern, Wendel, Carl, Thora, Rosalie and Ethel.

Mr. Lindholm has served on the school board, and the cause of education finds in him a stalwart friend. His political indorsement is given to the republican party and wide reading keeps him in touch with the advanced political thought of the day. He is a member of the Masonic lodge and of the Swedish Lutheran church, associations which indicate much of the nature of the interests which govern his life and control him in his relations with his fellowmen.

JUDGE SAMUEL MCBIRNIE.

Judge Samuel McBirnie, justice of the peace at Boone, has occupied his present official position for fifteen years and throughout the entire period his opinions have been characterized by a fairness and impartiality that are seldom questioned. A native of Belfast, Ireland, he was born on the 5th of April, 1834, but when five years of age was taken to Scotland by his parents, David and Sarah McBirnie. The father was employed on the docks in connection with outgoing vessels. His position did not bring him any great income and when but eight years of age Samuel McBirnie went to work in the coal mines with his sister. He continued in active connection with that business until 1894. About 1864 he crossed the Atlantic to America and subsequently worked in the mines in Pennsylvania, Ohio and in Boone. After coming to Iowa he finally leased coal lands, which he operated on his own account for a number of years. He then turned his attention to the insurance business and about the same time was elected justice of the peace, which office he has held for fifteen consecutive years. Never have any of his decisions been reversed, and his impartial judgments have been the secret of his long continuance in the office.

Judge McBirnie was united in marriage to Miss Marguerite Miller, a native of Scotland, who came to the new world about a year after his arrival. They were married near Dunfermline, Scotland, and to them were born eleven children, of whom only two are living. William, who is engaged in mining; and Robert, who is a conductor on the Northwestern Railroad.

In his political views Judge McBirnie is a stalwart republican and keeps well informed on the questions and issues of the day. He served as a member of the city council from the fifth ward for four years. He was also township trustee for six years and was road supervisor for a similar period. In the discharge of his official duties he has ever been found prompt and faithful and the highest testimonial of his ability and loyalty is found in his reelections. More than sixty years ago he joined the Masons in Scotland and he now holds membership in

Mount Olive Lodge, No. 79, A. F. & A. M. He also joined the Latter Day Saints church in Scotland, an organization which has as its motto "Mind your own business," and to this rule Judge McBirnie has strictly adhered. A business man of Boone who has known him for more than thirty years says of him: "He is the soul of honor and the most truthful man in Boone." He has now reached the advanced age of eighty years and he receives the veneration and respect which should ever be accorded those who have come into the evening of life and whose past record is one of personal and public honor.

EDGAR FRIEDLEY.

For a number of years Edgar Friedley was successfully engaged in agricultural labor but since 1908 has been located in Boone, where he raises berries and small nursery plants on a seven-acre tract, also acting as rural mail carrier.

Mr. Friedley was born in Dodge township, Boone county, May 4, 1869, and is a son of Henry and Mary D. (Coe) Friedley, the former born February 18, 1834, in Clark county, Indiana. When yet an infant he accompanied his parents to Clay county, that state, and at the age of twelve was left an orphan. When sixteen years of age he came to Boone county with W. L. Defore. He turned his attention to farm work and augmented his earnings by rail splitting. Being industrious and thrifty, he accumulated the means to purchase land and subsequently engaged in farming independently. Later he was engaged in the nursery business and so continued until 1903, when he retired and went to Puyallup, Washington, where he made his home with his son John S. During the early days he served as a frontier guard in the Indian troubles. He gave his allegiance to the republican party, and his religious faith was that of the Methodist church. He died December 4, 1913. His wife, Mary D. Coe, whom he married on August 26, 1858, was born August 20, 1840, on a farm near Columbus, Ohio. She came to Boone county with her parents in 1856 and lived on the home farm until her marriage. She died on her husband's farm on April 11, 1898. Mr. and Mrs. Henry Friedley were the parents of five children: John S., who graduated from Ames and Valparaiso Colleges and is now living in Puyallup, Washington, being successful as a fruit farmer; Florence S., the wife of John B. Condon, a retired agriculturist of Boone county; Clara, who died in 1893; Iva, the wife of C. T. Burke, a real-estate dealer of Tacoma; and Edgar.

The last named was reared on his father's farm in Dodge township and assisted in the labors on the homestead until May 15, 1889, when he married. He then farmed independently and successfully followed agricultural pursuits until the fall of 1908, when he sold his farm and removed to Denver, which he made his home for nine months. At the end of that period he returned to Boone, which is now his home. From 1889 until 1902 he farmed as renter, taking over in the latter year his father's farm, which he successfully cultivated until he disposed of the same in 1908. Upon his return to Boone from the western state he purchased a tract of seven acres adjoining the northern part of the city, and there he raises berries and small nursery plants. He is also acting as rural mail carrier. He is well known in Boone vicinity and highly respected by all who know him.

On May 15, 1889, Edgar Friedley married Miss Irene Pollard, who was born in Boone county on November 3, 1868. Her parents, David and Felicia (Dawkins) Pollard, have both passed away. To them were born eleven children, five sons and six daughters, of whom one daughter is deceased. Nearly all the members of the family now reside in Boone. Mr. and Mrs. Friedley have three children: Minnie, born April 8, 1890, who married in 1908 S. E. Bass, a farmer of Boone county; Henry A., born June 23, 1896, attending the high school at Boone; and Sadiebelle, born October 10, 1903, attending Lowell school in Boone. Both Mr. and Mrs. Friedley take a laudable interest in the progress of their community and are valued and much respected residents of their township and county.

JOHN K. HAWBAKER.

General agricultural interests of Beaver township find a worthy representative in John K. Hawbaker, who is living on section 19. He started out in life as a farm hand and is today the owner of an attractive and valuable place of one hundred and twenty-five acres, on which are seen all modern improvements and equipments. Pennsylvania claims him as a native son, his birth having occurred in that state, April 19, 1869. His parents were David and Sarah (Kokanour) Hawbaker, who were natives of Pennsylvania and in the year 1875 removed westward to Dallas county, Iowa, where the father purchased forty acres of land. Later he sold that property and bought one hundred and twenty acres. To this he added from time to time as his financial resources increased until he was the owner of two hundred and forty acres, which he improved and upon which he made his home until his death in May, 1892. He was then but forty-four years of age. His wife, however, had passed away previously, dying in the year 1883, at the age of thirty-three years.

John K. Hawbaker was a little lad of about six years when the family arrived in Iowa, and in Dallas county he was reared and educated. While he continued to make his home under the parental roof until he could purchase a farm of his own he was employed at farm labor between the ages of fourteen and twenty years, and it was his industry, close application and determination in that connection that brought to him the capital that eventually enabled him to purchase property. He became the owner of eighty acres in Dallas county, developed and improved it and continued thereon for eleven years. He then sold that property and removed to Webster county, where in 1900 he purchased eighty acres. This he developed for three years and then came to Boone county, Iowa, where he purchased one hundred and twenty-five acres on section 19, Beaver township. He set about improving the property and has since given his time and energies to its further cultivation, transforming it into one of the best improved places in the county. His farm forms a most attractive feature in the landscape. It is divided into fields of convenient size by well kept fences, the buildings are always in excellent repair and the early spring planting gives promise of abundant harvests—a promise that is realized because of the practical and progressive methods which are followed.

On the 14th of February, 1892, Mr. Hawbaker was united in marriage to Miss Carrie B. Merical, a daughter of Henry S. and Mary (Becker) Merical, who were natives of Indiana and Illinois respectively. In early life the father came with his parents to Iowa, being but seven years of age when they settled in Dallas county. Following the outbreak of the Civil war he attempted to enlist for service in the Union army, but was rejected on account of his youth. His hope for military service being thus frustrated, he turned his attention to farming in Dallas county and has since cultivated and improved his land, which is now very valuable and productive. He has reached the age of sixty-nine years, while his wife is sixty-six years of age.

To Mr. and Mrs. Hawbaker have been born four children: Lenora and Leona, twins, twenty-one years of age, the former now the wife of Melvin Blanshan, a farmer of Greene county, Iowa, while the latter is the wife of George Hoeffle, a farmer of Beaver township; Vern Ray, nineteen years of age, who is at home; and John Benjamin, three years of age.

Mr. Hawbaker is serving the second year of a first term as trustee of Beaver township, and he gives his political support to the democratic party. He belongs to the Baptist church and to the Modern Woodmen camp. He neglects none of his duties in any of these particulars and at the same time remains an active, energetic and successful business man. He now feeds a load of cattle every year, and his live-stock interests are an important feature of his business. In addition to his farm in Boone county he owns seventy acres just across the road in Greene county and is a stockholder and director in the Beaver Cooperative Company of Beaver and a stockholder in the Farmers Savings Bank of Berkley. What he undertakes he carries forward to successful completion, finding that there are no difficulties and obstacles which cannot be overcome by persistent, earnest effort.

FRED M. PAYNE.

Fred M. Payne is engaged in the livery business at Boone, a member of the firm of Payne Brothers. He was born in this county December 17, 1870, and is a son of Samuel and Elizabeth (Hoyt) Payne, the former a native of Indiana and the latter of Ohio. They came to Boone in 1850, casting in their lot with pioneer residents of this part of the state. In 1900 the father built the finest livery barn of Boone and his sons became associated with him in the ownership and conduct of the business. He died in October, 1913, and in his death the community lost a representative and valued citizen. To him and his wife were born six children: Della, now deceased; Fred M.; Frank, a stockman living in South Dakota; Horace C., who is in partnership with his brother Fred; Grace; and Howard, who is associated in business with his brother Frank.

Fred M. Payne has spent his entire life in this county and is widely known. In the pursuit of his education he passed through consecutive grades in the public schools until he became a high-school student. He was afterward engaged in mercantile lines with his father and eventually became a partner of his father and brother in the livery business, with which he is now connected. They have a

splendidly equipped barn, own a number of horses of good stock and a full line of modern vehicles. Their patronage is extensive because their business methods are honorable and because they ever earnestly desire to please their patrons.

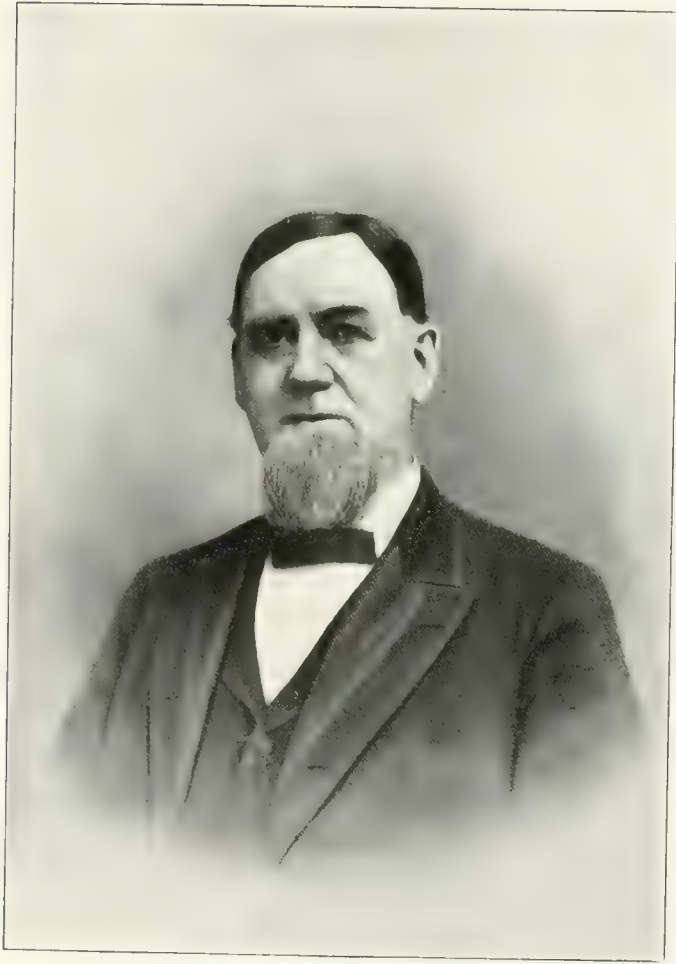
Mr. Payne was united in marriage to Miss Lytha Hauser, a native of Boone, on the 10th of May, 1895. Theirs is a hospitable home, whose good cheer is enjoyed by their many friends. Mr. Payne gives his political allegiance to the democratic party, but does not seek nor desire office, preferring always to concentrate his energies upon his business affairs, which are capably directed. He is energetic and enterprising and as the years go by he is becoming more and more firmly established as a substantial and representative citizen of Boone.

ARTHUR T. JOHNSON.

Arthur T. Johnson, of Madrid, has been connected with the general merchandise and restaurant business but is now mostly engaged in looking after his extensive personal and business properties. Although quite a young man, he has already achieved remarkable success. He was born in Madrid, June 29, 1880, and has always been a resident of that city.

His parents were William and Anna (Johnson) Johnson, natives of Sweden, the former born June 1, 1839, and the latter December 12, 1853. In August, 1852, the father came to America and made his home in New York and Pennsylvania for some time. From the latter state he made his way westward to Illinois and when the gold fever was at its height made the overland journey to California in 1859 with three other young men. Arriving in the Golden state, he at first rented land which he later bought. In 1870 he retraced his steps and located in Polk county, Iowa. In 1874 he sold out there and removed to Madrid, where he successfully engaged in general merchandising for twenty-nine years. Not only was he one of the most substantial citizens of the community but also one of the most public-spirited business men always giving his support to such measures as promised of benefit to the city. He died in Madrid, April 29, 1902. His wife came to America when about twelve years old, in 1865, her family locating at Swede Point. Her parents were the first passengers to arrive in Boone by the way of the Northwestern Railway. She was married to William Johnson in Boone county, July 7, 1871, and is now residing with her son, Arthur T. The old family home, where the parents first located, is still standing near Elk Rapids. Mr. and Mrs. Johnson had nine children, of whom Arthur T. of this review is the only one now surviving.

Arthur T. Johnson received excellent educational advantages, graduating from the Madrid high school with the class of 1898 and subsequently attending the Capital City Commercial College of Des Moines. He then engaged in general merchandising in Madrid, which city has been his home continuously with the exception of three years, during which he homesteaded in South Dakota. After giving up his general store he conducted a restaurant in Madrid until January 10, 1914, when he disposed of the establishment. He is now devoting his time to his many personal and business properties. He is a thoroughly up-to-date American business man, shrewd and capable, yet always considerate of the



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interests of others. He is in sympathy with all movements undertaken for trade extension and the upbuilding of industries and can always be found in the front ranks of those men who have at heart the welfare of the community.

On August 12, 1913, Mr. Johnson married Miss Hattie C. Johnson, who was born in Sweden, January 30, 1882, and in that year she was brought by her parents, Mr. and Mrs. John Johnson, to America, the family settling in Des Moines, Iowa. She attended the graded schools of that city and subsequently the East high school. Her mother died in Des Moines, but her father is now residing in Madrid. Of their five children three are living: Mrs. Jerda Davidson, of Canada; Mrs. Arthur T. Johnson; and Hulda, a stenographer, who is a resident of Des Moines.

Politically Mr. Johnson is a republican, devoted to the interests of his party. He has never cared to enter the political arena but is a loyal and patriotic citizen and in a private way furthers many public interests. He stands high in the Masonic order, being a member of Star Lodge, No. 115, A. F. & A. M., of Madrid, the chapter and commandery of Boone and Za-Ga-Zig Temple of the Mystic Shrine of Des Moines. He also belongs to the Independent Order of Odd Fellows at Madrid. Mr. Johnson owns various business properties and is one of Madrid's substantial citizens. By furthering his private interests he has become a factor in the general growth of the city. He has many friends in Madrid and is esteemed and respected by all who know him and most respected by those who know him most intimately and are appreciative of his high qualities of mind and character.

M. M. SHAW, M. D.

Dr. M. M. Shaw has been located in Madrid since 1904 and is one of the successful physicians of the city. His practice is extensive and the confidence reposed in him is well merited because of his thorough knowledge and the particular attention which he gives each individual case. In a minor way Dr. Shaw also acts as a surgeon. He was born in Monroe, Jasper county, Iowa, June 17, 1875, and his grandfather, Thomas Lowrey Shaw, was one of the pioneers of that county. His father, William Hamilton Shaw, was born in Pennsylvania, August 16, 1836, and came with his parents to Jasper county in 1867, the family locating near Monroe. His wife, Sarah E. McKnight, was a native of Marysville, Pennsylvania, born September 26, 1841. She is still residing in Monroe. She bore her husband five children: Mrs. Laura E. Gloyd, of Monroe; Thomas G., of Hamburg, Iowa; Lillian, an employe in the pension department at Washington, D. C.; Dr. M. M., of this review; and Arthur, a resident of Des Moines. Mrs. Gloyd was born in Pennsylvania, but the four younger members of the family are natives of Jasper county, Iowa.

In 1881 Dr. Shaw moved with his parents to Calhoun county, Iowa, locating on a farm near Rockwell City. He received his common-school education in Jasper and Calhoun counties, subsequently attending high school. He completed two years' collegiate work at Tarkio College of Tarkio, Missouri, and studied medicine for four years at Drake University in Des Moines, graduating in 1904.

Locating in Madrid, he has since been very successful, having a large town and country practice. He has remained a student and keeps well informed in regard to the latest discoveries and methods which constantly come to the fore in this country and Europe. He is most careful in diagnosis, but after mapping out the treatment applicable to each case is exacting and decisive, instilling confidence in those who come under his care. In fact, his personality is an important part of his success, for he combines strength with kindness.

On the 22d of February, 1910, Dr. Shaw married Miss Lois E. Stover, who was born in Cass township, Boone county, February 14, 1882, and was graduated from the Madrid high school, growing to womanhood in that city. She is a daughter of Isaac and Mary M. (Messmore) Stover, of whom extended mention is made elsewhere in this work. Dr. and Mrs. Shaw have two children: Eldon, born March 26, 1911; and Margaret, born October 14, 1912.

Politically the Doctor is a republican and has always been interested in the success of his party. He has been health officer of Madrid and during his term greatly improved the efficiency of his department. Mrs. Shaw is a member of the Christian church and he belongs to the United Presbyterian organization. He is a member of Star Lodge, No. 115, A. F. & A. M., and also holds membership in the Knights of Pythias. He owns some property in Madrid, but gives practically his entire attention to his professional interests. He is ever ready to hold out a helping hand to those afflicted and in the execution of his medical work is swayed by his kindly and humane nature.

W. D. JOHNSON.

The history of the development of this section of the state would be incomplete and unsatisfactory were there failure to make reference to W. D. Johnson, for many years a prominent business man and highly respected citizen of Boone. It has been said of him that he lived a good life and was ever a friend to those in need or distress. He had reached the age of seventy-seven years when called to his final rest on the 31st of October, 1910, for his birth occurred in Tennessee, March 15, 1833. The period of his boyhood and youth was largely passed near Chandlerville, Illinois, he being about a year old when his parents established their home in that locality. In his boyhood he attended the public schools, which, however, were of rather a rudimentary character. His parents, John and Rosa (Adkins) Johnson, were both natives of Tennessee, where the father followed farming until 1833, when he took his family to Illinois. The district in which he settled was a frontier region and in his young manhood he was noted as a hunter and trapper, his adventurous and tireless spirit finding vent in pursuit of the abundant game then found in all the states bordering the Mississippi. The usual experiences of frontier life fell to him and to his family, which numbered fourteen children, seven sons and seven daughters.

W. D. Johnson was the eldest son and third child and much of the farm work devolved upon him up to the time when he reached the age of seventeen years. He then left home to make his own way in the world. It was in 1854 that he started from St. Joseph, Missouri, to Salt Lake City to assist in driving a

flock of sheep and was away from home on that trip until the spring of 1856. There were many hardships and difficulties to be encountered, for on the entire trip there was no one to be seen, save as they occasionally met a government wagon train or gold seeker's outfit. In 1859 Mr. Johnson again started for the west, this time with a train of wagons drawn by oxen, their destination being the mining regions of Pike's Peak. Again Mr. Johnson penetrated into the western wilderness, when, in 1860, he had charge of a train of five hundred wagons with fifteen hundred people in the party. With that caravan the long and tiresome journey to Oregon was accomplished and en route they had several encounters with the Indians. In crossing the Wind River mountains a party of Sioux Indians attacked the train and an engagement followed which continued for twenty-four hours. A great deal of stock belonging to the wagon train was run off by the Indians, who drove the cattle to a flat-topped mountain nearby, and as there was an urgent need of recovering the property, Mr. Johnson called for volunteers to aid him in making the attempt. Only thirty-six men responded to the call and when, at length, the mountain was reached and they saw the Indians, all but one of the men deserted Mr. Johnson and fled. Of course, under the circumstances, there was nothing to do but to join in the retreat. Two other Indian attacks occurred before the five months' journey was completed, but at length they reached their destination with the loss of only four men.

Mr. Johnson passed the winter of 1860 in Oregon and the following spring made his way to the mining regions around Placerville, Washington, where he worked with varying success for about six years. In 1866 he again went to Illinois and not long after began buying cattle in southwestern Missouri, which he drove to the Illinois markets. The business proved profitable, and he continued therein for a number of years. In 1871 he went to Texas, where he engaged in buying and selling cattle in partnership with W. B. Warsham of Henrietta, Texas, making his home in Cooke county. In the years following he extended his operations through a number of counties until 1881, when he removed to Hale county and there, in partnership with J. M. Morrison, purchased a ranch of eighty-seven thousand acres, stocked with a herd of three thousand cattle. In 1883 they exchanged half of the land with C. C. Slaughter in return for ten thousand head of cattle, and in 1890 they sold the remainder of their land to Mr. Slaughter. Mr. Johnson then took his share of cattle and drove them to Swisher and Castro counties, where he had about five thousand head upon the range until the year 1900. He then disposed of both his land and cattle in Texas and came to Boone county to live with his daughter-in-law, Mrs. Mary E. Johnson. In the meantime, or in 1882, he had become financially interested in the Logan & Canfield coal mining business and from that time until his death he was president of the W. D. Johnson & Company Coal Company. He was also connected with other important business enterprises of Boone, including the Boone Brick Tile & Paving Company, the Boone National Bank and the Security Savings Bank. He was a man of sound judgment and unflinching energy, carrying forward to successful completion whatever he undertook.

Mr. Johnson was united in marriage to Miss Eliza A. Warsham, a native of Missouri, who died in 1875, leaving a son, Ira D. Johnson, who married and

removed to Boone. There he passed away in 1898, leaving two children, William D. and Lucile.

The death of W. D. Johnson occurred, as previously stated, in 1910 and was a matter of deep regret to all who knew him. One of the local papers said: "In disposition Mr. Johnson was firm but kind. With relatives and members of his home he was generous, amiable, never speaking a word to wound the feelings of his intimates. To every relative and personal friend he was generous to a fault. To the idle and vagrant he gave no sympathy. He was a man of wise public spirit, bestowing his time and wealth upon only the most worthy enterprises. The unfortunate and needy had no better friend." No better estimate of a man's character can be given than the opinion of his fellow townsmen who have had excellent opportunity to judge him. Mr. Johnson received and merited the high regard of those with whom he came in contact, and his many good qualities were widely recognized and warmly commended.

ROBERT DOUGLAS BRUNTON.

Robert Douglas Brunton, who passed away on the 26th of March, 1906, was a citizen who had many warm personal friends in Boone and, therefore, his death was the occasion of deep and widespread regret. His history is that of a man who worked his way upward by persistent purpose and honorable effort until he became recognized as one of the leading representatives of the coal industry in his section of the state. He was born in Fordle, Scotland, on the 9th of October, 1842, a son of William and Janet (Douglas) Brunton, who spent their entire lives in the land of hills and heather. In their family were four sons, two of whom died in infancy, while two came to the new world, one of them being still living.

Robert D. Brunton spent the period of his minority in his native land and in 1864 crossed the Atlantic to America, making his way to Hubbard, Ohio. He afterward went to Pennsylvania and was employed in the coal mines of the two states. He later came to Boone, arriving in July, 1875, from which time until his death he was connected with the coal industry, largely as superintendent of mines. During the last six years of his life he was less active. He was, however, one of the best known practical coal men in this section of the state, becoming recognized as an expert in operating coal lands and thereby winning most gratifying success. In business he was honest, faithful and efficient, and he left a comfortable competence and home to his family.

On the 2d of January, 1865, Mr. Brunton was united in marriage to Miss Mary Marshall, of Bedford, Pennsylvania, a daughter of Robert and Agnes (Gardner) Marshall. Her father was also engaged as superintendent of mines. Following his demise his widow married again. There were seven children of the first marriage and four by the second, of whom six are yet living. To Mr. and Mrs. Brunton were born ten children: William, who is engaged in the insurance business in West Boone; Agnes, the wife of Reid Duckworth, assistant cashier of the City Trust Savings Bank of Boone; Robert, living in California; Joseph, of Boone; John, who has departed this life; George, who is mentioned else-

where in this volume; Elizabeth, a teacher, now living at home; Alexander, of Colorado; James, of Boone; and Ruth, deceased.

In his religious faith Mr. Brunton was a Presbyterian and in his life exemplified his Christian belief. He also belonged to the Masonic fraternity, the Independent Order of Odd Fellows and the Knights of Pythias, and the last named attended his funeral in a body. Many words of deep appreciation of his character and of his worth were spoken by those who knew him. He enjoyed the high regard of all with whom he came in contact, and his well spent life not only proved what may be accomplished in a business way but also gave indication of the fact that success and an honored name may be won simultaneously.

E. B. CORDELL.

Modern business enterprise finds a capable exponent in E. B. Cordell, who is engaged in the sale and manufacture of feed and cereals in Boone, where he established his present business in 1910. This he has since successfully conducted, and his enterprising methods have resulted in making it a successful undertaking. Mr. Cordell was born in Crawford county, Ohio, April 8, 1870, a son of J. L. and Agnes Ellen (Grubb) Cordell, the former a native of Virginia and the latter of Pennsylvania. The father made farming his life occupation and in the year 1881, after residing for a number of years in Ohio, he journeyed westward to Boone county, Iowa, where he secured a farm, cultivating and improving it until his death, which occurred on the 31st of October, 1913. He was not only an enterprising agriculturist but was also a citizen whose progressive spirit found expression in hearty aid of many movements for the general good. He filled the office of supervisor and in other ways was connected with the public welfare. He died October 31, 1913, having for a little more than a year survived his wife, who passed away on the 26th of September, 1912. In their family were three children: J. Lavergne, now deceased; Bertha D., living in Boone; and E. B.

The last named was reared to farm life and had the usual experiences that fall to the lot of the boy who works in the fields through the summer months and attends the public schools in the winter seasons. He remained upon the farm with his father until the time of his marriage and then started out independently, purchasing eighty acres of land, which he cultivated and improved for eight years, bringing his fields under a high state of cultivation. He then sold out and for eight years thereafter was a mail carrier in this county. In 1910 he entered commercial circles by establishing the cereal business in which he is now engaged. He is now senior partner of the firm of Cordell & Slaughter and their business is a growing one.

On the 21st of February, 1894, Mr. Cordell was united in marriage to Miss Eleanore Rogers, a native of Ohio, and unto them have been born four children: Watha E., who was born September 19, 1895, and is now attending business college in Cedar Rapids; George Roger, who was born June 24, 1900, and is at home; Ivaloo May, who was born October 28, 1902; and Agnes Eleanore, on the 28th of October, 1912.

Mr. Cordell has a military chapter in his life record, for through eight years he was a member of the Iowa National Guard and at the time of the Spanish-American war he volunteered for active service with Company I, Fifty-second Iowa Infantry, with which he served as quarter master sergeant. He votes with the republican party and is conversant with the vital political questions of the day. His religious faith is that of the Methodist church, to the teachings of which he is loyal. His has been a busy and useful life and energy and close application have been the salient features in winning for him the measure of success which he now enjoys, making him one of the substantial residents of Boone.

GEORGE W. CRANK.

Since 1870 George W. Crank has been engaged in the jewelry business in Madrid and is the oldest living jeweler in Boone county. He also is an important manufacturer in this line and moreover is a maker of high grade violins. He is the patentee and sole manufacturer of Lens Eye Pins, a violin device which enables the maker to see the placing of the sound post in the instrument. There is a great demand for this valuable invention in all parts of the world and Mr. Crank makes consignments thereof to the most distant places where violin manufacture flourishes. He also manufactures tool supplies of various kinds. In his plant all kinds of metals are engraved and repair work of the most diversified character is efficiently done.

George W. Crank was born in Maysville, Dekalb county, Missouri, May 5, 1853. His parents were Alfred and Margaret (Henson) Crank, the former a native of Kentucky and the latter of Ohio. The former died in Polk City, aged seventy-three, and the latter also passed away at that place. Alfred Crank and his son Joseph, a brother of our subject, were both Union soldiers during the Rebellion. The paternal grandfather of George W. Crank was an Indian fighter of some repute who was with Boone in Kentucky. Mr. Crank is yet in possession of a bullet ladle which was used by his grandfather, Joseph Crank, while he was fighting with Boone. The grandparents were Kentucky pioneers. The Historical Society of Madrid is indebted to Mr. Crank for many interesting relics. In 1910 he divided pieces of the old Lincoln flag pole among the people, which are treasured by them as valuable souvenirs. This old flag pole, one hundred feet high, was erected in 1860 and known as the Lincoln flag pole. Fifty years afterwards, or in 1910, Mr. Crank excavated the base of it, which was eight feet in length, and cutting it into small pieces, carefully labeled each one. Many portions were divided among Madrid people and a large piece of the historic wood can be seen at the Madrid Historical Society's museum at Madrid.

Mr. and Mrs. Alfred Crank had the following children: Mrs. Catharine Thompson, deceased, who was born in Ohio; Joseph, above mentioned as a Civil war veteran, born in Missouri, who died in Arkansas; Mrs. Maria Thompson, deceased; John William, who died at the age of five months; George W., of this review; and Floyd M., of Muskogee, Oklahoma. The male members of



MR. AND MRS. GEORGE W. CRANK

the family were for generations cabinet-makers by profession, and they made the spinning wheels for the pioneers of this section.

George W. Crank came to Boone county with his parents in 1862, when about nine years of age, and they located near the High Bridge postoffice at Swede Point. They made their home on a farm, but afterward the father sold this property and removed to Polk City. George W. Crank learned his trade in Des Moines, Iowa, and in 1870 engaged independently in the jewelry business in Madrid, being today the oldest jeweler in Boone county. His education was acquired in the common and district schools, and he was graduated from the Polk City schools. Today Mr. Crank owns one of the most important jewelry manufacturing establishments in central Iowa, which comprises the making of high grade violins. He is particularly interested in the latter branch of his business and turns out an instrument which has earned the highest praise of most competent judges. He receives an additional income as the patentee and sole manufacturer of the Lens Eye Pins above mentioned. Mr. Crank is at the head of a business institution which has been of great value to the growth and development of Madrid and Boone county, and while he has acquired a private fortune, he has been a great factor in paving the way for the progress and the prosperous conditions which now prevail in his part of the state.

In March, 1873, Mr. Crank married at Des Moines, Iowa, Miss Catherine Kirsher, who was born near Polk City, in Polk county, March 27, 1855. She was a resident of that county until her marriage and there attended the public schools. Her parents, Peter and Caroline (Harmon) Kirsher, were pioneers of Polk county, having made their way overland from the east. Both father and mother were born in Germany and died in Polk county. In the Kirsher family were eleven children: Joseph, residing near Helena, Montana; Caroline, deceased; Peter, who also makes his home near Helena; Anthony, a resident of Des Moines; Jacob, occupying the old home farm near Polk City; Frank, who resides near Van Meter, Iowa; Mrs. Mary Pontius, of Des Moines; Adam, deceased; Mrs. Crank; and Elizabeth and Thomas, residing on the home farm. The three eldest of these children were born in Pennsylvania and the remainder in Polk county, where all were reared. Of the eight children born to Mr. and Mrs. Crank seven are living: Charles M., born September 10, 1874, a resident of Woodward, Iowa; Mrs. S. Elizabeth Adams, of Madrid, born March 23, 1877; Mary A., born April 18, 1879, residing with her parents; Mrs. Idaletta Grimm, born May 20, 1881, and residing at Woodward; Ira D., of Woodward, who was born March 18, 1886; Carrie A., whose birth occurred February 9, 1890, and who is teaching school in Madrid; and George F., born November 12, 1895, a graduate of the Madrid high school with the class of 1914. Fay C., who was born October 4, 1898, died at the age of three months. The older children were born at Polk City and the two younger ones in Madrid. All completed the course of study in the Madrid high school.

Mr. Crank formerly gave his allegiance to the republican party but for the last seven years has been in accord with the socialist organization. He sincerely believes in a fairer division of labor and capital and is in favor of a great many measures which will bring about a faster development of the human race to an ideal state. He served for one term as mayor of Madrid, giving the city a businesslike administration replete with valuable improvements, and for one

term was a member of the city council. Both he and his wife are members of the Christian church. Since June 17, 1883, he has been a member of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows lodge of Madrid, and the high esteem in which he is held in that organization is evident in the fact that he has occupied all of the chairs. Mr. Crank is a man who is most sincerely interested in the uplift of his fellow citizens and who is ever ready to assist the distressed and needy. Progressive enterprises of a public nature find in him a warm champion, and he leaves no stone unturned in his efforts to bring about better living conditions and a greater happiness to mankind. While he has attained individual success, he has been considerate of his neighbors, friends and fellowmen, and his career is not strewn with the wreck of other fortunes. He is highly respected for what he is and for the achievements of his mind and industry.

JOHN WILLIAM ISAACSON.

The attractiveness of Boone county as a place of residence is indicated in the fact that many of her native sons have remained within her borders, recognizing the fact that the opportunities she offers them are equal to those found elsewhere in the country. In fact, Iowa leads in various regards. It is one of the best agricultural states of this great Union and it is in the lead as to its public schools.

Mr. Isaacson was born in Boone county, March 4, 1868. His parents, Alexander and Margaret E. (Bergquist) Isaacson, had made an overland trip from Andover, Illinois, to this state in 1866, settling in Garden township, Boone county, on the 17th of May of that year. Both parents were natives of Sweden. The father, who was born July 7, 1831, crossed the Atlantic in 1859. He was married in Illinois on the 8th of April, 1862, to Margaret E. Bergquist, who was born in Sweden, July 25, 1840, and came to the United States in 1857. Alexander Isaacson was naturalized in 1864 and remained a loyal citizen of his adopted land to the time of his demise. On coming to the new world he settled in Illinois and for some time resided at Andover, Henry county, that state. In 1866 he drove across the country to Garden Prairie, in Garden township this county, and there made his home on the north one half of northwest quarter of section 15, township 82, range 25, until 1868, when he went with his family to a farm near Sheldahl, the west one half of the southwest quarter of section 25, township 82, range 25, where they remained until 1889. In that year they took up their abode upon a farm in Colfax township, the northeast quarter of section 34, township 83, range 25, where the succeeding decade was passed, and in 1899 the parents went to Madrid, where their remaining days were spent, the father's death occurring October 16, 1911. For about three years he had survived his wife, who died on the 17th of November, 1908. They were early settlers of Illinois and likewise of Boone county and were numbered among the substantial and highly respected people of their community. In their family were five children, three daughters and two sons, namely: Mrs. Amelia Kinland, who was born April 14, 1863, and died at Newkirk, Oklahoma, in 1902; Francis A., born November 15, 1865, and now living in Madrid; John William, of this review;

Anna L., who died in infancy; and Mrs. Ida O. Johnson, who was born September 20, 1875, and was married in Boone county in 1897, her death occurring in July of the following year. The two eldest children were born in Illinois and the younger members of the family in Boone county. All, however, were reared in this county and attended the country schools of the community in which they made their home.

John William Isaacson has always been a resident of Boone county and was reared in the usual manner of farm lads, early becoming familiar with the duties and labors that fall to the lot of the agriculturist. After attaining his majority he continued to engage in farming, but in 1899 left the farm and removed to Madrid, where for some time he was engaged in the hardware business. He owns good business property in the city, including the brick blocks in which the hardware business of A. Yocum is conducted. He is also the owner of a well improved one hundred and twenty acre farm in Colfax township and good residence property in Madrid.

Mr. Isaacson is pleasantly situated in his home life. He was married in this county in 1906 to Miss Anna Matilda Alsin, who was born in Fairfield, Jefferson county, Iowa, and came to Boone county in childhood. Here she was reared to womanhood and has since made her home. Her father, P. A. Alsin, was one of the pioneer settlers of Garden township.

In his political views Mr. Isaacson is a republican and is thoroughly informed concerning party questions and issues, but does not seek nor desire office, preferring to concentrate his energies upon his business affairs. He is today surrounded by most of the comforts of life as the result of his careful management and intelligently directed business activity. He forms his plans carefully, is determined in their execution, and as the years have gone by he has won that success which is the legitimate reward of earnest, persistent effort.

W. D. MILLER.

W. D. Miller is actively identified with journalistic interests in Boone county as editor and publisher of the Ogden Reporter, which he purchased in February, 1914. His birth occurred in New Market, Shenandoah county, Virginia, on the 4th of September, 1878, his parents being John and Elizabeth (Louderback) Miller, who were likewise natives of that state. The father, a harness maker by trade, followed that occupation in Virginia throughout his active business career. His demise occurred in January, 1901, and his widow now resides in Washington, D. C.

W. D. Miller was reared and educated in the place of his nativity and when nineteen years of age made his way westward to Illinois, remaining in that state for two years. In 1901 he came to Iowa, locating in Eldora, Hardin county, where he learned telegraphy in the service of the Chicago & Northwestern Railway Company. In 1903 he came to Ogden, Boone county, and here remained in the employ of the Minneapolis & St. Louis Railway as agent for three years. On the expiration of that period he removed to California and later to Oklahoma, where he resided until 1907, when he returned to Ogden, having here re-

mained continuously since. On February 1, 1914, he purchased the Ogden Reporter and is now devoting his attention to his duties as editor and publisher. The sheet has a large subscription and advertising patronage and its columns are devoted to the dissemination of local and general news, while its editorial policy is such as has won for it enthusiastic support.

On the 25th of December, 1907, Mr. Miller was united in marriage to Miss Anna Belle Clark, a daughter of Dr. Orson and Emma (Sylvester) Clark and a sister of S. Parker Clark, a sketch of whom appears on another page of this work. Her father also receives extended mention in another part of this volume. Mr. and Mrs. Miller have one child, Virginia, who is three years of age.

In his political views Mr. Miller is a progressive, stanchly advocating the principles set forth by Theodore Roosevelt at the time of the birth of the party. His religious faith is that of the Congregational church, while fraternally he is identified with the Masons. He is a man well liked and highly esteemed, and his efforts contribute substantially to the upbuilding and promotion of the interests of his community.

JAMES M. WHITE.

James M. White, who died in Ogden in July, 1901, was long and actively identified with industrial interests as a carpenter of that place, and enjoyed an enviable reputation as a substantial and respected citizen. His birth occurred in Pennsylvania on the 29th of December, 1849, his parents being Lewis and Elva White, who were likewise natives of the Keystone state. The father, an agriculturalist by occupation, removed to Illinois in an early day and there followed farming during the remainder of his life.

James M. White was reared and educated in Illinois and in early life learned the carpenter's trade, working at that occupation in the Prairie state for some time. After coming to Boone county, Iowa, he engaged in farming for four years, but on the expiration of that period took up his abode in Ogden and again began work at his trade. During the remainder of his life he engaged in carpentering and in that connection won a gratifying measure of success, for he was a skilled and reliable workman. He died in July, 1901, when in the fifty-second year of his age, and his demise came as a great blow not only to his immediate family, but also to an extensive circle of friends.

In December, 1870, Mr. White was joined in wedlock to Miss Mary Morehead a daughter of Samuel and Mary A. (Hollis) Morehead, both of whom were natives of Pennsylvania. The father removed to Illinois in an early day and carried on agricultural pursuits in that state until called to his final rest on the 24th of September, 1894. The demise of the mother occurred September 22, 1874. Unto Mr. and Mrs. White were born ten children, as follows: Lewis E., who is a resident of Perry, Iowa; Charles J., living in Ogden; May, who is the wife of Isaac Dixon, of Ames, Iowa; Eva, who gave her hand in marriage to Henry Jones, an agriculturist of Boone county; Belle, the wife of Frank Morgan, who follows farming in Boone county; Arthur, a barber of Ogden; Sylva, who died in 1903; John W., living in Ogden; Ray-



MR. AND MRS. JAMES M. WHITE

mond, a resident of Boone, Iowa; and Albert, who died when but one year old.

Mr. White was a democrat in politics and cast his ballot in support of the men and measures of that party. He served as a member of the school board for four years. His religious faith was that of the Methodist church, while fraternally he was identified with the Independent Order of Odd Fellows. Mrs. White, who yet survives her husband, is well known and highly esteemed in Ogden, where she still makes her home.

J. HENRY GONDER.

An excellent farm of one hundred and sixty acres on sections 17 and 18, Beaver township, pays tribute to the care and cultivation of J. Henry Gonder, a wide-awake, alert and energetic business man, who belongs to that class which have won for Iowa her well earned and well merited reputation of being one of the leading agricultural states of the Union. He was born in McLean county, Illinois, February 18, 1857, and is a son of Daniel and Mary Ann (Leeding) Gonder, the former a native of Ohio and the latter of England. In the year 1856 the father went to Illinois, purchasing land in McLean county, upon which he settled and which he continued to cultivate until 1884. He then went to Greene county, Iowa, where he purchased a farm and also bought across the line in Boone county, operating his land until 1900, when he retired and took up his abode in Rippey, Greene county, where he resided until the death of his wife, which occurred in May, 1912. He is now making his home with his son William in Grand Junction, at the advanced age of eighty-eight years. He is a veteran of the Mexican war and has ever been as true and loyal to his country as when he followed the stars and stripes into the land of the Montezumas.

J. Henry Gonder was reared in McLean county, Illinois, where he pursued a public-school education. Practical experience in farm work prepared him for the duties which he afterward undertook in managing a farm of his own. He remained at home until he was married and then came to Boone county, purchasing one hundred and twenty-five acres of land on section 19, Beaver township. This he improved and operated for seventeen years, but, thinking his home too far distant from a school, he disposed of that place and purchased his present fine farm of one hundred and sixty acres on sections 17 and 18, Beaver township. To the further development and cultivation of this property he has since given his attention. His work is persistently and energetically done, and his labors are guided by intelligent direction. In addition to his farming interests Mr. Gonder is a stockholder in the Beaver Cooperative Company at Beaver, Iowa, and is also interested in a threshing outfit. Thus he is broadening his business connections and adding to his success.

On the 17th of January, 1884, Mr. Gonder was united in marriage to Miss Etta Carter, a daughter of Joseph and Sarah (McNaught) Carter, who were natives of Illinois, the father following farming in McLean county all of his life. He passed away in June, 1876, at the age of thirty-five years and is survived by his wife, who is living in Lexington, Illinois, at the age of sixty-

seven. Mrs. Gonder was born in McLean county, Illinois, in December, 1865, and by her marriage she has become the mother of seven children: Mabel, the wife of O. B. Lofstedt, a resident of Grand Junction; Myrtle, the wife of M. J. Rinker, a farmer of Beaver township; Lennie, the wife of Harry Clark, a resident farmer of Amaqua township; and Mary, Henrietta, Daniel R. and Velda, all at home.

Mr. Gonder gives his political allegiance to the republican party and for two terms served as trustee of Beaver township. He has also been constable of the township for twenty years, and he discharges his official duties with promptness and fidelity. Fraternally he is connected with the Odd Fellows and the Yeomen. His long residence in this section of the state has made him widely known, and his substantial qualities have gained him high and enduring regard.

WILLIAM E. VAN METER.

William E. Van Meter, who is successfully engaged in the real-estate business in Ogden, where he opened his office in 1913, was born in Illinois on the 31st of August, 1879, a son of John and Eliza (Saunders) Van Meter, the former a native of New Jersey and the latter of Illinois. In early life John Van Meter removed westward to Illinois, where he resided until 1881, when he brought his family to Boone county, where he secured a tract of land and carried on farming for six years. On the expiration of that period he established his home in Ogden and was engaged in teaming until the year 1894 when he went into the ice business so continuing for eight years, his son William E. being his partner during the last four years of that period or from 1898 to 1902. He still makes his home in Ogden but is now retired from active business, enjoying a well earned rest and the fruits of his former toil.

William E. Van Meter was a little lad of but two years when brought by his parents to Boone county, where he has since made his home. His education was acquired in the schools of Ogden and he engaged in teaming until he joined his father in the ice business. He was admitted to a partnership and the relation between them was maintained until 1902. In that year William E. Van Meter removed to Fraser, where he engaged in the dray and sand business, shipping sand extensively. There he made his home until 1908, when he purchased a farm near Pilot Mound, which he operated for two years. On selling out he purchased a merry-go-round and operated it upon the road until September, 1913, when he returned to Ogden and purchased a nice home. Here he has since engaged in the real-estate business in partnership with E. L. Merriam. They now have a large clientage and are handling much important property. Mr. Van Meter has acquainted himself with property upon the market and is also thoroughly informed concerning realty values. He is thus able to select for the purchaser what he desires and negotiate sales for those who wish to dispose of property. His business is growing along substantial lines.

On the 29th of May, 1901, Mr. Van Meter was united in marriage to Miss Ethel Baker, a daughter of Andrew and Maria J. (Brown) Baker, who were natives of Indiana. The father was a farmer and came to Boone county about

1880. He had served his country as a soldier in the Civil war for four years, being a member of an Indiana regiment. After coming to Iowa he purchased a farm, which he cultivated until 1902. He then put aside the more active work of the fields and removed to Ogden, where he resided until 1906. He then went to Guymon, Oklahoma, where he passed away on the 1st of April, 1907, at the age of sixty-four years. His wife survived him until March 20, 1911, and was also sixty-four years of age at the time of her demise. To Mr. and Mrs. Van Meter have been born two children, Earl and Geneva, aged eleven and nine years respectively.

Mr. Van Meter was a member of the city council while at Pilot Mound. He has always given his political allegiance to the republican party and keeps well informed on the questions and issues of the day. Fraternally he is connected with the Masons and with the Odd Fellows, and his religious faith is that of the Methodist church. In his church and fraternal relations are indicated the rules which govern his conduct and guide him in all of his connections with his fellow-men. His life has been well spent and whatever success he has achieved is the result of his intelligently directed effort and energy, bringing him to a place among the representative men of Ogden.

JOHN R. HERRON.

The present populous city of Boone contained only two houses at the time of the arrival of the Herron family in Iowa. They became pioneer residents of Boone county, and it was upon the old family homestead in Des Moines township that John R. Herron was born on the 19th of March, 1874. He is a son of Richard and Sabina (Payton) Herron, the former a native of Ireland and the latter of Canada. The paternal grandfather, Richard Herron, Sr., was likewise born on the Emerald isle and after crossing the briny deep to the new world he settled in Canada, where he devoted his life to general agricultural pursuits. He wedded Mary Henneberry and they became the parents of four children, three sons and a daughter: Richard; Mary, who became the wife of T. McDermott, of Eagle Grove, Iowa; William, of Missouri Valley, Iowa; and John, who has departed this life.

It was in 1847 that Richard Herron, Jr., became a resident of Stratford, Ontario, where he resided for eighteen years, or until 1865. He then married Sabina, a daughter of Patrick Payton, who was born in Ireland, but in the '30s established his home in Canada, where his remaining days were passed. While residing in Canada Mr. Herron followed farming, but in 1865 left that country for Iowa. After spending two months in Cedar Rapids, he removed to Boone, at which time the railroad extended only to Nevada. The family remained in the little hamlet until 1869 and then took up their abode upon a farm in Des Moines township, three and a half miles southeast of the city. There they remained until the spring of 1886, when they left the farm and returned to Boone, where Mr. Herron is now living retired. His wife passed away in January, 1907. They had but two children and the elder, Mary, died in infancy.

The son, John R. Herron, whose name introduces this record, was a pupil in the country and city schools until sixteen years of age, when he began learning the printing business in the office of The Boone County Democrat. He has been continuously connected with this paper since the 1st of January, 1899, when he purchased a half interest in the business, his partner being M. Miller, who sold out a year and a half later. For a year Mr. Herron was associated in the ownership and publication of the Democrat with J. B. Barnett, who disposed of his interest to W. F. Menton, and in 1903 the latter sold out to his brother, John F. Menton, who is now Mr. Herron's partner. The paper is published under the incorporation of the Democrat Publishing Company, and a progressive policy marks the Democrat, making it a very readable, entertaining and instructive paper.

On the 20th of October, 1903, Mr. Herron was united in marriage to Miss Mary Jordan, a native of Boone county, and they have become parents of five children: Emmet, Edward, Vincent, Margaret and Francis. In politics Mr. Herron is a democrat and has filled the office of chairman of the county central committee. He is well known in fraternal circles, holding membership with the Knights of Columbus, the Yeomen and the Mystic Workers, and he is also a communicant of the Catholic church. He is both widely and favorably known in this county, where his entire life has been passed and where he has ever been an interested witness of the events that shape its progress and promote its welfare.

HARVEY H. RINKER.

Harvey H. Rinker has improved two excellent farms in Boone county and is now the owner of two hundred acres of rich, arable and productive land on sections 16 and 19, Beaver township. This is the visible evidence of a life of well directed energy and thrift. He had no assistance from his parents and whatever success he has achieved is attributable entirely to his own labors. The measure of his industry has been the measure of his prosperity, and the former is indicated in the fact that he is accounted one of the substantial agriculturists of his community. He was born in Virginia, August 1, 1866, a son of John and Sarah (Hoover) Rinker, who were also natives of the Old Dominion. The father, who was a farmer by occupation, removed to Illinois with his family and there engaged in farming, being identified with agricultural interests in that state until 1895, when he came to Iowa, settling in Boone county. In connection with his son he purchased two hundred and forty acres of land on section 16, Beaver township, and to its further development and improvement devoted his remaining days. He enlisted for service with the Confederates and was at the front throughout the Civil war. Honest in his opinions and firm in his convictions, he did not deviate from a course which he believed to be right. He died February 3, 1910, at the age of sixty-nine years and is survived by his widow, who is living upon the old home place at the age of seventy-two years.

Harvey H. Rinker spent his youthful days under the parental roof, with the usual advantages of a public-school education and good home training. On attaining his majority he began farming on his own account, and his practical

experience in assisting his father now proved of much value to him. He rented land in McLean county, Illinois, which he cultivated for three years, and then came to Boone county, arriving three years before his parents. He purchased what became known as the Rinker farm, owned jointly by himself and father, and operated this land on section 16, Beaver township, for eighteen years. He then rented the place to his brother and purchased the farm upon which he now resides, comprising eighty acres of land on section 19, Beaver township. He has improved this place wonderfully as well as his other farm and now owns two hundred acres of splendidly improved land. He had no financial assistance from his parents but started out in the business world on his own account empty-handed and gradually worked his way upward. He has ever been watchful of the details pointing to success, has worked earnestly and persistently, and his methods have been of a most practical character. He has studied the question of crop rotation and understands the best time for planting and the best methods of enriching the soil. He has thus been able to gather good harvests and is now one of the substantial farmers of the community. In addition to tilling his fields he is engaged extensively in stock-raising, feeding two carloads of cattle, one carload of sheep and one carload of hogs each year. He is also a stockholder in the Beaver Cooperative Company of Beaver.

On the 11th of February, 1892, Mr. Rinker was united in marriage to Miss Anna L. Rogers, a daughter of Lucius and Eunice (Freeman) Rogers, the former a native of Michigan and the latter of Illinois. Her father was a veteran of the Civil war, having enlisted from Illinois with the boys in blue, with whom he served until the close of hostilities. After the war he began farming and continued the cultivation of a tract of land in Illinois until 1892, when he came to Iowa, settling in Guthrie county. There he carried on general agricultural pursuits throughout the remainder of his days, owning four hundred and sixty acres of land. He died in September, 1913, while his wife is now living in Jefferson, Iowa.

To Mr. and Mrs. Rinker have been born four children, Emmet, Perry, Eunice and Catherine. The family attend the Baptist church, of which both Mr. and Mrs. Rinker are members. In his political views Mr. Rinker is independent, supporting men and measures rather than party. He is never remiss in the duties of citizenship and aids in advancing many public interests that have proven of worth to township and county.

CLARENCE R. ANDERSON.

Clarence R. Anderson is a member of the mercantile firm of Anderson Brothers at Ogden. They follow progressive methods, are energetic and in their close application, keen business sagacity and unfaltering industry is found the secret of their growing success. Clarence R. Anderson was born in Ogden on the 5th of August, 1891, and is, therefore, yet a young man, but the position to which he has attained is one which would be creditable to a man of twice his years. His parents, Charles and Sarah (Carlson) Anderson, were natives of Sweden. Crossing the Atlantic to the new world, Charles Anderson established his home

in Illinois in the '60s, but after remaining there for a brief period came to Boone county, where he purchased a tract of land and improved a good farm in Marcy township. He continued its cultivation year after year with gratifying success in the production of the cereals best adapted to soil and climate. His methods were at once practical and progressive and resulted in good crops, for which he found a ready sale. He was thus engaged until 1904, when he retired and removed to Ogden, where he spent his remaining days in the enjoyment of a well earned and well merited rest. His death occurred September 17, 1912, while his wife survived him only until the 26th of February, 1913.

Clarence R. Anderson, reared in Ogden, pursued his education in its public schools and when his text-books were put aside he secured a clerkship in a general store, owned by his brother. In the summer of 1913, they erected a modern two-story business block and are now engaged successfully in general merchandising under the firm style of Anderson Brothers. They carry a large and carefully selected line of goods, and their stock is attractive both in quality and price. They make earnest effort to please their patrons, are prompt, faithful and at all times thoroughly reliable and honorable in their dealing. Clarence R. Anderson is also a stockholder in the Ogden State Bank and is recognized as one of the rising young business men of the city. His political views accord with the principles of the progressive party, and he is not afraid to announce his opinions, yet is never bitterly aggressive. His religious faith is indicated by his membership in the Swedish Mission. Well known in Boone, he has many sterling traits of character, that have gained for him high personal regard.

B. ARIE.

B. Arie, agent at Boone for the Anheuser-Busch Brewing Association of St. Louis, and prominently associated with the building industry in this city, was born in Brody, Austria-Hungary, in 1847. His educational opportunities were those afforded by the common schools of his native land, and in 1876 he entered the Roumanian army, his country being allied with the Russians at that period. He participated in the Russian and Roumanian wars of 1877-8, and during that period he lost the sight of his left eye.

Hoping to find better business opportunities in the new world than he believed he could secure in the old, Mr. Arie came to the United States in 1881, landing at Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, where he remained for a short time. He then went to Omaha, Nebraska, where he engaged in the bottling business, but he did not meet with the profit that he had anticipated in that connection, and he left Omaha in 1882, removing to Boone, where he established bottling works. He continued in the business here until 1894, and from that time to the present he has been connected with the Anheuser-Busch Brewing Association of St. Louis as its agent and representative in Boone. This does not cover the extent of his business activity, however, for he has been largely associated with the building industry at Boone, where he has erected many fine structures that are a monument to his spirit of enterprise and are a credit to the city. These include the Opera House block and the Arie building. He was the builder of the



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Arie Hotel at Madrid, Iowa, and he has also been the builder of three buildings which he has given to his three grandchildren—Ruth, Janette and Ethel—and these three buildings are named the Virginia, the Ethel and the Helen.

Mr. Arie was united in marriage to Miss Eva Abrams, and they became the parents of three children, but two have passed away, the other being O. B., who is now engaged in the real-estate business in Boone. Mr. Arie has never had occasion to regret his determination to come to the new world, for here he found the opportunities which he sought and, working his way steadily upward, has reached a position among the most substantial business men of Boone. Not all days in his career have been equally bright. At times he has seen the clouds of business disaster gathering, but even then he has not lost heart and courage. He has ever recognized the fact that industry wins, and his intelligently directed effort has at length won reward in the attainment of a handsome competence.

HON. JOHN S. CROOKS.

Hon. John S. Crooks is serving for the second term as mayor of Boone. His life record stands in contradistinction to the old adage that a prophet is never without honor save in his own country, for in the city of his birth John S. Crooks has attained a position as a foremost citizen and has wielded a wide influence in public affairs. He was born May 29, 1865, and is a son of George W. and Rebecca (Nutt) Crooks, of whom mention is made on another page of this volume. Reared under the parental roof, he passed through consecutive grades in the public schools and became a high-school pupil. His initial step in the business world was made in connection with railroad work, to which he devoted a year. He afterward spent ten years in the abstract business and for fifteen years was secretary of a loan company, at the end of which time he closed out his interests in that connection. Later he engaged in the real-estate and insurance business, and at the present writing he is concentrating his efforts largely upon his official duties, for his fellow townsmen, appreciative of his worth and ability, elected him to the office of mayor in March, 1911, and he served so creditably during his first term of two years that he was reelected in March, 1913, and is now the incumbent in the position. He has made an excellent record, characterized by many needed reforms and improvements, and his course has been thoroughly public-spirited at all times.

Mr. Crooks was united in marriage to Miss Luella M. Parks, a native of Boone county, and unto them have been born a son and daughter: George W., now a resident farmer of Boone county; and Mildred, who is attending the State College. Mr. Crooks votes with the democratic party and has indorsed its principles since age conferred upon him the right of franchise. He is popular in several fraternal organizations, having membership with the Masons, the Elks and the Royal Arcanum. His religious belief is that of the Methodist church, and these connections indicate the rules which govern his conduct and guide him in all of his relations with his fellowmen. The name of Crooks has been an honored one in Boone county since his uncle John M. Crooks became one of the early settlers of the county in 1846. In all the intervening years to the present

representatives of the name have sought the improvement and upbuilding of this section, and the work begun by his grandfather and carried on by his father is now being continued by John S. Crooks, whose record as mayor is, indeed, creditable.

ISAAC STOVER.

Isaac Stover, who now lives retired in Madrid after a long and successful business career which not only brought him prosperity but had its effect upon the development of his county, belongs to one of the oldest families of his locality. Moreover, there is great credit due him for the gallant service which he rendered his country in the Civil war. He was born near Alamo, Montgomery county, Indiana, September 19, 1842, and is a son of Joseph and Lydia (Rinker) Stover, natives of Tennessee. The father was born in 1806 and died in Madrid, Iowa, August 14, 1884, while the mother's death occurred in Dallas county, Iowa, in February, 1880. The family removed to Dallas county, locating on a farm, where they remained until 1856, when they came to Madrid. Joseph Stover was one of the pioneer sawmill men of Boone county establishing an enterprise of that kind in 1856. He and his wife had eleven children, of whom six are living. The family comprised in all: William, deceased; Mrs. Melinda Wheeler, who also has passed away; Samuel, deceased; Mrs. Lucinda Rutherford, deceased; Mrs. Mary Wood, a resident of Nebraska; Elizabeth, who died in infancy; Isaac; George W., residing in Idaho; Henderson, who makes his home in Washington; Joseph M., residing in Dallas county, Iowa; and Mrs. Sarah Hoop, a resident of Douglas township. All were born in Indiana.

Isaac Stover enlisted for service in the Union army from Swede's Point when about nineteen years of age, on the 1st of August, 1861, joining Company D, Tenth Iowa Volunteer Infantry. His first term of enlistment ended January 1, 1864, but he reenlisted and served until August 15, 1865, when he returned to his private affairs in Madrid, engaging in the sawmill business. Mr. Stover has to his credit a most honorable military record which entitles him to distinction. He participated in numerous engagements, including that at Island No. 10, New Madrid, Pittsburg Landing and the two sieges of Corinth. He was with Grant in the Western Army and at Jackson, Champion's Hill and the siege of Vicksburg. He was one of the heroes of Sherman's celebrated march to the sea, being a participant thereof during the entire trip. At the close of the war he was among that proud throng which constituted the Grand Review.

Besides his milling interests, Mr. Stover was active in agricultural operations in Cass township, where he still owns one hundred and twenty acres on section 27, which is highly improved and bear rich harvests. He has always followed the most modern methods and deserves credit as a leader in the farm development of Iowa. Because of his incessant labors, his business ability and his thrift, he has become one of the substantial men of his locality. He now lives retired in Madrid, passing the evening of life amid comfortable surroundings.

On the 8th of October, 1865, the marriage of Isaac Stover and Mary M. Messmore was celebrated. She was born in Washington county, Iowa, August 17,

1847, and in 1848 was brought by her parents, Adam and Sarah J. (Williams) Messmore, to Boone county, of which the family has ever since been residents. The father and mother were among the pioneers here and the former operated one of the first flour mills along the Boone river. He was born in Pennsylvania, August 17, 1820, and died in Moingona, Iowa, January 24, 1881. For three months he served in the Union army. His wife was born in Indiana, March 9, 1820, and died in Boone, June 11, 1901. In their family were the following children: Mrs. Stover; Mrs. Kate Capron, of Des Moines; Henry, deceased; Hiram, a resident of Geneva, Nebraska; Mrs. Elizabeth Grosvenor, deceased; Frank, of Council Bluffs, Iowa; Mrs. Ada Steward, of South Dakota; Edward; Mrs. May Boswell, of South Dakota; Mrs. Susie Cairns; Ellsworth; and John. These children were born in Hamilton, Webster and Boone counties and all reared in this county.

Mr. and Mrs. Stover became the parents of the following: Clarence J., born October 24, 1866, who died September 20, 1868; Edward A., born March 9, 1869, now a resident of Tingley, Iowa; Albert R., whose birth occurred August 13, 1872, and who resides in Manzanola, Colorado; Lillian, who was born February 15, 1874, and died February 3, 1881; Rev. John A., born October 16, 1876; and Mrs. Lois E. Shaw, born February 14, 1882, a resident of Madrid. All the children were born in Boone county. Rev. John A. Stover was the first graduate of the Madrid high school and at present is a minister of the Christian church at Frankfort, Indiana.

Isaac Stover is a democrat and has always taken a vital interest in local affairs. He served as township clerk and assessor in Cass township and also held various school offices, recognizing fully the value of improved methods of education. Both he and his wife are members of the Christian church of Madrid. He is a member of Star Lodge, No. 115, A. F. & A. M., of Madrid, and has held all the offices in the local organization. He is deeply interested in Masonic work and practices the principles of the brotherhood in his everyday life. He is acknowledged to be one of the best posted Masons in the community. He is also a member of J. Filmer Post, No. 347, G. A. R., where he meets his comrades of old and keeps awake in him the spirit which prompted him once to stand up in defense of the flag against the aggression of the South. Mr. Stover would make an ideal citizen of any community, for he always places the public welfare above private gain. He is admired and respected for what he has achieved and for what he is. His patriotism and his noble and manly qualities of character have been the key to that position which he now holds in the affection of all who know him.

ALEX FYFE.

Alex Fyfe, known to his many friends as "Sandy," is a prosperous merchant of Ogden, where he has conducted a flour and feed store for the past ten years. His birth occurred in Scotland on the 30th of January, 1848, his parents being William and Jane (Henderson) Fyfe, likewise natives of that country. The father, a coal miner in Scotland, emigrated to the United States in the fall of 1865 and took up his abode in Pennsylvania, where he continued as a coal miner

for two years. In 1868 he came to Boone county, Iowa, and here purchased and improved a farm near Moingona, being actively engaged in its operation and also continuing work as a coal miner throughout the remainder of his life. He passed away on the 14th of January, 1889, when seventy-seven years of age, the community thus losing one of its substantial and respected citizens. His wife was called to her final rest on the 23d of August, 1897.

Alex Fyfe acquired his education in the schools of his native land and was a youth of seventeen when he accompanied his parents on their emigration to the new world. For a period of twenty years he worked as a coal miner at Moingona in the winter seasons, while during the summer months he farmed the home place. In November, 1904, he took up his abode in Ogden and embarked in the flour and feed business, having conducted an establishment of that character throughout the intervening decade. An extensive patronage is accorded him, and he enjoys an enviable reputation as an enterprising and reliable merchant. He owns his place of business and also six lots in the main business section of Ogden.

In 1881 Mr. Fyfe was united in marriage to Miss Anna Hightshoe, by whom he has four children, as follows: Samuel, a brakeman in the service of the Chicago, Milwaukee & St. Paul Railway, who resides at Perry, Iowa; Alex, who is engaged in business as a butcher of Perry; Ernest, of Perry, who is an engineer in the employ of the Chicago, Milwaukee & St. Paul Railway; and William, who is a butcher residing in Perry.

Mr. Fyfe gives his political allegiance to the republican party and was reared in the faith of the United Presbyterian church. He is a worthy exemplar of the Masonic fraternity, belonging to the blue lodge, the chapter, the commandery, the Mystic shrine and the Eastern Star. He is likewise identified with the Independent Order of Odd Fellows and the Rebekahs. The period of his residence in Boone county covers about a half century, and he is widely and favorably known within its borders, having won many friends who esteem him for his good qualities and upright, honorable life.

JOHN A. HALEEN.

Among the business concerns of Boone the firm of Anderson & Haleen, who are engaged in blacksmithing and carriage manufacturing, take a prominent place. The firm has built up a reputation for punctuality, reliability and high class work which reflects honor upon those who conduct the business. Mr. Haleen is the junior partner in the concern and not only is he efficient as a workman, but he is a shrewd and able business man who combines the sturdy qualities of his native race with American aggressiveness in promoting his interests. A large number of satisfied customers is proof of the success of this firm.

Mr. Haleen was born in Sweden, June 29, 1866, and is a son of Gustav Anderson and Catherine (Johnson) Haleen, the former a farmer throughout life. The father is now seventy-eight years of age, while the mother died when seventy years old. In their family were the following children: John A., of this review; Anna, of Sweden; Victor, of Boone, Iowa; Sanna, of Webster City, Iowa; Gustav, a farmer of Boone; Marie, of Boone; and Tachlay, also of Boone.

The educational advantages of John A. Haleen were meager. He entered school at the age of seven but at that time had only one term of instruction and although he later was permitted to attend for two more terms most of his time during his boyhood and youth was taken up by work on the home farm. Being impressed with the opportunities which were awaiting willing young hands in this country he decided when twenty-one years of age to emigrate to the United States and sailed from Guttenberg to New York, whence he made his way to Pocahontas, Iowa. There he engaged at his trade, doing blacksmith work, which he had learned in his native country. In the spring of 1893 he left Pocahontas for Rockford, Illinois, to work as a blacksmith in the Scandia Plow factory. However, he remained there but a few months, going in August, 1893, to Webster City, where he worked for four years. At the end of that time, in 1897, he came to Boone and was for over seven years in the employ of Thompson & Peterson. The desire to see the place of his birth influenced him to pay a visit to Sweden and he spent five months in his native land. He and Mr. Anderson formed their present partnership, February 1, 1913, bringing into life the firm of Anderson & Haleen. They are engaged in blacksmith work and carriage manufacturing and do an extensive and profitable business. They are obliging to their customers, their workmanship is superior, and they can be relied upon in every detail of the work. As business men they enjoy a high reputation, and while they own a prosperous business, they have contributed by this means toward the general prosperity of the city in which they reside.

In December, 1896, Mr. Haleen married Miss Larvida Benson, whose father and mother are both dead. Mr. and Mrs. Haleen have the following children, Allan, Helmer, Esther, Ruth and Arthur. The parents are members of the Swedish Lutheran church and are loyal and devoted to its creed. They take part in the various phases of church life and give their moral and material support to its work. Mr. Haleen is a republican, supporting the candidates and measures of that party. Personally he is averse to accepting public office but in a private way has done much toward promoting trade and industrial prosperity in Boone. Fraternally he is a Modern Woodman and popular in this order. He is well liked by all who know him because of the genuine qualities of his character, and he has many friends in Boone.

F. G. LIERMAN.

F. G. Lierman, an enterprising and successful young business man of Ogden, there conducts a first-class meat market in association with his father. He is numbered among the worthy native sons of Boone county, his birth having occurred at Moingona on the 17th of November, 1882. His parents were Fred and Mary (Hamilton) Lierman, the former a native of St. Louis, Missouri, and the latter of West Virginia. Fred Lierman, who came to this county in 1874, was a butcher by trade and also worked in the coal mines for two years. He removed to Ames, Story county, where he worked in a butcher shop for several years, subsequently returning to Moingona and there engaging in business as a butcher from 1879 until 1882. In the latter year he met with an accident which

occasioned the loss of his left leg and therefore went to Boone, where he worked in a butcher shop until 1885. In that year he again embarked in business on his own account and some time later removed to Lehigh, Webster county, Iowa, where he carried on a coal and butcher business for eighteen years. In September, 1913, he came to Ogden and has here since conducted a first-class meat market in association with our subject, having built up an extensive and gratifying patronage. During the period of the Civil war he served for a short time as a member of Company G, Seventh Missouri Volunteer Infantry. For nearly a quarter of a century he has survived his wife, who was called to her final rest on the 5th of March, 1891.

F. G. Lierman acquired his education in Boone and since putting aside his text-books has been associated with his father during the greater part of the time. At Lehigh he worked in the coal mines. In September, 1913, he and his father opened a meat market in Ogden, where they have conducted a successful establishment of this character to the present time. Mr. Lierman is recognized as a young man of good business ability and sound judgment and is numbered among the representative and progressive citizens of the community.

On the 12th of April, 1911, Mr. Lierman was united in marriage to Miss Dorothy Rosacker, her father being M. Rosacker, a pioneer lumber merchant of Ogden. In religious faith Mr. Lierman is a Catholic. He also belongs to the United Mine Workers. Both he and his wife are well known in this county and the circle of their friends is almost coextensive with the circle of their acquaintances.

ERNEST C. BROWN, M. D.

Dr. Ernest C. Brown has successfully followed the profession of medicine and surgery in Madrid for more than two decades and has built up a practice which is one of the most extensive in central Iowa. His birth occurred at Verona, Oneida county, New York, on the 24th of August, 1867, his parents being Calvin and Mary Jane (Morton) Brown. The father was one of those highly respectable farmers who, while their holdings are not large, take a very high rank in community life by reason of thrift, probity and general sterling qualities. He owned a small farm near Verona, New York, on which he lived for nearly a half century, rearing and educating his large family. At the time of his death, in September, 1896, he was one of Oneida county's oldest residents, and his portrait and sketch of life appear in the Oneida county history, published that year. From the standpoint of ability, he was prepared by nature for a broader field of action. He gave considerable attention to fruit-growing, gaining a state-wide reputation for the excellent varieties of pears, apples and grapes which he produced. He figured prominently in the agricultural and horticultural societies of both county and state. Subsequently he became identified with the dairy business and won gratifying success in that connection, at one time owning what was called the Banner Dairy.

His wife, the mother of the Doctor, was a daughter of Samuel Morton, of Rome, New York, a descendant of the Mortons who figured so prominently in



DR. ERNEST C. BROWN AND FAMILY

the history of New England and in the line of descent from Sir George Morton, who fitted out the Mayflower for its famous voyage but who, through the intrigue of the British, was arrested and not allowed to sail with the expedition he had formed. The Mortons, however, came to Massachusetts in the following year in the "Speedwell." The Browns were also from the best old New England stock, coming from Connecticut to New York in 1796 and locating on a farm near Rome, N. Y., which has ever since remained in the family. The ancestry of Dr. Brown in the maternal line and on the side of his grandmother Brown, who was a Talcott, can be traced well back into the early English history—the Mortons to William the Conqueror and the Talcotts to the Earl of Warwick. The paternal grandfather of our subject held the rank of captain in the War of 1812, while his greatgrandfather in the maternal line was with Ethan Allen in his Revolutionary exploits.

Ernest C. Brown acquired his earlier education in the common school of his native county and subsequently attended the Rome Free Academy for two winters, working on his father's farm during the summer months. When twenty-one years of age he left the old homestead and entered the Fort Edward Collegiate Institute at Fort Edward, New York, pursuing a classical course in that institution. In the fall of 1890 he took up the study of medicine in the University of Michigan Homeopathic Medical College at Ann Arbor, being graduated with the degree of M. D. in June, 1893. In the following August he came to Iowa and at once began the practice of his profession, being associated for a few months with Dr. Martin, the leading homeopathist of Boone. In October, 1893, he opened an office in Madrid, where he has remained continuously since and has met with exceptional success, now enjoying a practice which is one of the most extensive in central Iowa. In the spring of 1898 he pursued post-graduate work in a special line of his profession. He is a member of the American Institute of Homeopathy and the Hahnemann Medical Association of Iowa, and acts as examining physician for several life insurance companies. Prosperity has come to him in merited and gratifying degree and he owns an attractive and well appointed home in Madrid.

On the 20th of June, 1900, at Madrid, Iowa, Dr. Brown was united in marriage to Miss Florence Mason, who was born in Kendall county, Illinois, on the 12th of February, 1879, her parents being George and Sarah Ann (Kennison) Mason, the former born in LaSalle county, Illinois, February 19, 1839, and the latter in Vermont, July 17, 1843. In 1884 the parents established their home in Washington county, Iowa, whence they came to Madrid, Boone county, in 1895. Mrs. Brown attended the common and high schools in Washington, Iowa, and also had special training in elocution and oratory at Drake University of Des Moines. Her parents still survive, residing in a commodious and attractive home at Madrid. Unto them were born the following children: Mrs. J. H. Mayer, who is a resident of Garden township; E. G. Mason, of Washington, Iowa; L. E. Mason of Slater; Delbert, who is deceased; and Mrs. Florence Brown. All were born in Illinois, in which state the Mason family resided for about twenty-eight years. Dr. and Mrs. Brown have four children, namely: Victoria Grace, who was born on the 12th of April, 1901; Gertrude Bernice, whose birth occurred June 1, 1903; Albert Mason, whose natal day was January 27, 1905; and Kenneth Ross,

born October 6, 1907. All are natives of Madrid and are now attending the public schools of that city.

Dr. Brown first exercised his right of franchise in support of Grover Cleveland and David B. Hill in the memorable New York contest of 1888, traveling over one hundred and fifty miles to cast his ballot. He has always remained a loyal adherent of the democracy and on two different occasions was the candidate of his party for the office of county coroner. His religious faith is indicated by his membership in the Methodist Episcopal church of Madrid, to which his wife also belongs, she being active and prominent in the musical and auxiliary societies of that church. Loyal in friendship, devoted to the ties of home and family and maintaining a high standard of conduct in all the relations of life, Dr. Brown is well worthy the esteem in which he is uniformly held. He is generous in his support of every noble and good cause.

JAMES F. RICHEY.

James F. Richey, who after a long and successful career as an agriculturist in Dayton township, Webster county, now lives retired in Boone, is one of the city's most substantial citizens. He was born in Wayne county, near Wooster, Ohio, November 7, 1845, and is a son of Gasper T. and Martha (Richard) Richey. The paternal grandfather removed from Pennsylvania to Ohio, becoming one of the pioneers of that state. He died in Webster county, Iowa. In his family were the following sons: James, who located in Webster county, where he died; John, who passed away in Wayne county, Ohio; Gasper T., father of our subject; and Samuel, whose death occurred in Sheldon county, Indiana. There were also nine daughters in this family.

Gaspar T. Richey was educated in the schools of Westmoreland county, Pennsylvania, and there he married, removing subsequently to Wayne county, Ohio. He was a miller by trade and owned and ran grist mills, sawmills and oil mills, pressing oil from pumpkin seeds. Being impressed with the opportunities of the middle west he moved to Webster county, Iowa, locating in Dayton township, November 9, 1854. He had come to Iowa the previous year and entered twenty-three hundred acres of land in Webster and Polk counties upon which he and his family located in 1854. They drove from Ohio by team and arrived at their new home after a long and arduous journey. The father soon became one of the foremost men of Webster county and was prominent in political affairs. Conditions were still of the most primitive nature when the family located there and many were the dangers which Gaspar T. Richey underwent, his life being threatened several times. The mail service was very unsatisfactory and in his community only one paper was read, the copy circulating among various families. He served for ten years as justice of the peace and also was a member of the board of county supervisors. During the first year he succeeded in improving half a section of his land, erecting fences thereon and transforming the wild prairie into bearing fields. When he died he left large holdings which he had accumulated with the idea of giving the land to his children. His home was built of round, unhewn logs and was fourteen by eighteen feet in size and one story in

height. At that time droves of elk, deer and wild hogs were still plentiful. The father died April 9, 1882, at the age of seventy-nine years, and found his last resting place in Linn cemetery, Boone county. He was a staunch democrat and his religious faith was that of the Methodist Episcopal church, to which his wife also belonged. She died about ten years later, in 1892, at the age of eighty-four years. In their family were the following children: Margaret, who is now Mrs. Cyrus Burnett, of Dayton, Iowa; Mary J., who married J. R. Lyon and died in Fort Dodge; Priscilla, the deceased wife of Levi Emerson, of Stratford, Iowa; Henrietta, who married A. R. Daughenbaugh of Des Moines; Gasper, who married Hattie Lyon and died in Webster county; James F., of this review; and Sylvester, who married Angeline Mahon and died in Dayton.

James F. Richey attended school conducted in the old log schoolhouses of his native township whenever time and circumstances permitted, his educational advantages being very limited, though he continued to attend school for a short time each year until he was eighteen. He remembers that in the early days there was not a house within ten miles of his father's homestead and church was held in a schoolhouse at Des Moines at a time when there were but few houses in Fort Dodge. Indians were still plentiful and our subject's brothers in 1856 participated in a campaign against the hostile savages. Mr. Richey helped his father in the development of the farm and they built the largest barn in Webster county at that time. They raised large quantities of grain and even supplied their neighbors with seed. Mr. Richey remained on the homestead until after his marriage and subsequently located on a farm of three hundred and eighty-five acres which was given him by his father. The house and barns were kept in the best of condition and he received a handsome income from his agricultural interests. He bought three hundred and seventy-four and one-half acres in partnership with M. J. Carlson, of Pilot Mound, this land being underlaid with coal. It is situated in Douglas township, Boone county. After many years of successful labor Mr. Richey left his farm in 1888 and removed to Pilot Mound, Boone county, where he engaged in buying and selling live stock, but in 1893 he came to Boone, where he now lives retired in the enjoyment of a gratifying competency.

On October 11, 1868, James F. Richey married Miss Louisa Baker, who was born near Terre Haute, in Clay county, Indiana, November 9, 1846, and received her education in the common schools of Dodge township, Boone county, Iowa. She is a daughter of Joel and Olive (Mitchell) Baker. Her father was born in Kentucky and after his marriage there removed to Clay county, Indiana, but in 1851 he came to Iowa, locating on wild prairie land in Dodge township, Boone county, his holdings comprising one hundred and sixty acres. He later sold out and acquired three hundred acres of land east of Ridgeport, Dodge township, Webster county. He died there in 1889, at the age of sixty-eight years, his wife passing away April 11, 1914. Both were buried in the Mineral Ridge cemetery. They were devoted members of the Baptist church. When Mrs. Baker died she had forty-eight grandchildren and one hundred and forty-two great-grandchildren. Her children were: Julia, who married Giles Strode, of Butler county, Kansas; Louisa, the wife of our subject; Sarah, who married E. J. Ray, of Boone; Mary, the wife of J. W. Cole, of Dodge township, Webster county; Winnie, who is now Mrs. Samuel Sterrett of Boone; Annie, the wife of J. B. Price, of Ridgeport; Martha, who married David Cole and resides near Ridge-

port; John, who died at the age of fourteen years; Priscilla, the wife of Charles Ray, of Armour, South Dakota; Elizabeth, the wife of Herman Lindmark, residing near Ridgeport; George, of Fort Cobb, Oklahoma; and Elias, who married Luella Stotts and resides near Stanhope, Iowa.

Mr. Richey is a staunch democrat and thoroughly in accord with the aims of his party. He gave his first vote for president to General McClellan. Both he and his wife are members of the Baptist church of Boone and Mr. Richey taught in the Sunday school while residing in Pilot Mound. He has ever been interested in the intellectual and moral upbuilding of the people and has contributed toward that end. He is respected and esteemed by his fellowmen because of his high qualities of character and because he is a useful, loyal and patriotic citizen.

J. G. LUCAS.

J. G. Lucas enjoys a high reputation among the newspaper men of Iowa as owner and editor of the Register-News of Madrid, a paper which through his incessant labors has become one of the foremost country publications of the state. Mr. Lucas is a son of Corydon L. and Nancy (Sturdivant) Lucas, the former the well known real-estate man and historical authority of Madrid, also the first mayor of the town.

J. G. Lucas was born at Belle Point, Boone county, Iowa, January 8, 1879. There he passed his boyhood and attended the common schools. He has always been a resident of this county. While yet young he became interested in the publishing business in Madrid, and he has followed this occupation all his life. In December, 1904, he acquired the Register-News and he has since equipped his plant so completely and modernly that it stands second to none in the state. Mr. Lucas is an enthusiastic newspaper man. In his editorials, which are clear cut and forceful, he sets forth views which have had a decidedly beneficial influence upon the growth of his city, and his paper has been of the greatest educational value in the community. His news columns comprise extensive accounts of local happenings and include a record of the nation's and world's events. It is but natural that a paper of this character has increased in circulation from year to year and that its advertising patronage has likewise grown. The Register-News is today considered one of the most valuable publications to those who desire to reach an extensive and representative public. In connection with his newspaper Mr. Lucas also maintains a high-class printing plant, turning out artistic and up-to-date work punctually and at a most reasonable price.

In 1904, J. G. Lucas married in Madrid Miss Maude Halsy, a native of Boone county, where she attended the common schools, completing her education in the Madrid high school. She grew to womanhood here and has ever since remained a resident of this county. Her parents are C. W. and Catharine (Purkhiser) Halsy and they have five children: Clyde, of Des Moines; Mrs. Maude Lucas; Mrs. D. E. Crawford, of Des Moines; Lee, of Madrid; and Mrs. William Valline, who also resides at the capital. All these children were born and reached maturity in Boone county. Mr. and Mrs. Lucas are the parents of



MR. AND MRS. J. G. LUCAS

Max, Catharine, Lillian and Robert L. Lucas, who were born in Madrid, where they pursue their education.

Mr. Lucas is a republican and has always taken a deep interest in the welfare of his party. Both he and his wife are members of the Christian church. He is well known in fraternal circles, being a member of Star Lodge, No. 115, A. F. & A. M., and the Odd Fellows lodge of Madrid. Yet a young man, he has already achieved a decided success, a success which not only means individual prosperity but which stands for patriotic and public-spirited citizenship. As a man and through the influence of his paper he has largely contributed toward the growth and progress of Madrid and Boone county, and his efforts in this respect have proven a factor in the increasing prosperity of his section and the moral and intellectual upbuilding of his town.

JOHN M. ANDERSON.

John M. Anderson is a representative business man of Boone, being the senior partner in the firm of Anderson & Haleen, who are engaged in general blacksmithing, repair work and the manufacture of wagons and carriages. Mr. Anderson was born November 30, 1866, in Sweden. He is a son of Anders and Johanna Anderson and a grandson of Peter Anderson. The latter followed farming throughout life in his native country, where he passed away. In earlier years he served in the Swedish army. He had the following children: John; Swan; Christine; Annie; Mattie; and Anders, the father of our subject. The last named also followed farming throughout life and died in Sweden in September, 1869. His widow subsequently married John Johnson, who died two years later. In 1887 she and two of her sons, Andrew and Emil, sailed from Gottenborg, Sweden, to New York and thence made their way to Boone county, where her two daughters, Josephine and Annie, had preceded them. In Boone, Mrs. Johnson married John Alm, who is also deceased. To Mr. and Mrs. Anders Anderson the following children were born: Matilda, who married John Anderson and died in Sweden in 1909; Josephine, who married in Princeton, Illinois, and is now a widow residing in Boone; Annie, who married Augus Alt, of Boone; John M. of this review; Andrew, of Chicago, who married Matilda Wenstrom; and Emil, who died in Fort Dodge, Iowa. By the subsequent marriages of the mother no children were born.

John M. Anderson attended the public schools in Sweden until fourteen years of age and then spent three years in a military institution. He came to the United States in 1888, one year after his mother's arrival here. He located in Boone and worked for the Northwestern Railway as bridge foreman. Then he learned blacksmithing and wagon making in the employ of Thompson & Peterson, with whom he remained for eighteen years, gaining valuable experience of a practical kind and also thoroughly acquainting himself with the business end in connection with such an enterprise. In February, 1913, he formed a partnership with Mr. Haleen in the establishment of the firm of Anderson & Haleen, who are now doing an extensive and most profitable business. They are known as reliable,

punctual and trustworthy, and it may be said that no piece of work ever leaves their shops unless it is of the very best workmanship.

In October, 1893, Mr. Anderson married, in Boone, Miss Annie Edling, of Dayton, Iowa, a daughter of John and Christina Edling. To Mr. and Mrs. Anderson the following children were born: Clarence, who is an electrician in the employ of a coal mine in Ogden; Fred, a lineman on the interurban road, residing at home; Esther, at home; Harold, now six years old; Mary, deceased; and Oscar. The parents are members of the Christian church and helpfully interested in its work, while politically Mr. Anderson is independent, giving his support to the candidates whom he considers best fitted for the office to which they aspire, irrespective of party affiliation. Fraternally he is a Modern Woodman, a Domestic Worker of the World and a member of the Loyal Order of Moose. He is a distinct factor in the development of Boone and has contributed to its growth by pursuing his private affairs. He is ever ready to give his support to public enterprise and can be found in the front ranks of those men who have at heart the welfare and betterment of the city.

JOSEPH A. SIFRIT.

Joseph A. Sifrit, who for twenty-nine years has made his home on his present farm on section 7, Beaver township, was born in Woodford county, Illinois, in May, 1855, a son of Michael and Susanna (Newland) Sifrit, both of whom were natives of Ohio. On leaving that state they came to Boone county, Iowa, in 1851, but only remained for about a year, removing at the end of that time to Woodford county, Illinois, where the father purchased land and operated his farm until 1866. He then sold out and went to Coles county, Illinois, and afterward became a resident of Cumberland county, that state, where he carried on general agricultural pursuits until 1874. He then returned to Boone county, where he carried on farming for some time. Later he retired and made his home with his children throughout his remaining days, death calling him on the 28th of May, 1906. He had long survived his wife, who passed away on the 21st of April, 1882.

Joseph A. Sifrit was reared and educated in Illinois and remained with his parents, or made his home with them, until twenty-four years of age. In the meantime he earned his living by working as a farm hand in the employ of others, but he was ambitious to improve his own financial condition and began renting land in Dallas county. This he operated for a number of years, or until 1885, when he purchased his present farm of eighty acres on section 7, Beaver township. This he also set about improving and has operated the place continuously since. It is not difficult to conjecture what manner of man Mr. Sifrit is when we notice his place and see its well kept appearance. The fields give promise of abundant harvests, and everything about the farm is kept in good condition. He also owns forty acres of land on section 19, Beaver township, and his wife is the owner of eighty acres in Dallas county.

On the 28th of February, 1881, Mr. Sifrit was united in marriage to Miss Mary E. Halley, a daughter of George W. and Christina (Staley) Halley, who were natives of Ohio and on coming to Iowa cast in their lot with the pioneer

settlers of Jackson county in 1853. There the father engaged in the practice of veterinary surgery until 1871, when he removed to Dallas county, where he continued to practice until his death. He was accidentally killed by being thrown from a cart while breaking a colt, his neck being broken. This was in September, 1907. For more than ten years he had survived his wife, who passed away December 28, 1896. To Mr. and Mrs. Sifrit was born a child, who died in infancy in 1882.

In his political views Mr. Sifrit is a prohibitionist, for he believes that the question of the sale and manufacture of alcoholic liquors is one of the most important before the country today. His religious faith is that of the Baptist church, and his life exemplifies many high and honorable principles. He is esteemed wherever known and most of all where he is best known.

CHARLES ROSEN.

In the business world Charles Rosen has worked his way upward step by step, his ability increasing through the exercise of effort, and although he started out empty-handed, he is now at the head of a profitable and growing harness business conducted under the firm name of Charles Rosen & Company. He was born in Sweden on the 17th of November, 1851, a son of Mr. and Mrs. Carl Carlson, who were also natives of that country and never came to America. The father was a farmer by occupation. In 1870 Charles Rosen and his two brothers came to the United States, Charles making his way to Des Moines, Iowa, where he remained for a brief period. He then went to Lost Grove, this state, where he was employed as a farm hand for six months. On the expiration of that period he removed to Boone, Iowa, and entered the employ of Oscar Nelson in the harness business, remaining with him for six months. His employer then went into bankruptcy, leaving Mr. Rosen stranded. He then entered another harness shop, where he was to receive a salary of six dollars per month. However, he was raised one dollar for the first month and another dollar for the second month, his salary then remaining eight dollars per month for some time. Eventually, however, he was paid fifty dollars after he had learned his trade. On leaving Boone he came to Ogden, where he had charge of a harness business from 1875 until 1897, when his employer died. He then purchased the stock and has since conducted the store, making it one of the important commercial enterprises of the state. On the 2d of January, 1903, he admitted John A. Peterson to a partnership under the firm name of Charles Rosen & Company. They carry an extensive line of harness and horse goods and a complete line of shoes. Theirs is the only business of the kind in Ogden, and their trade is growing month by month. They draw their patronage from a wide surrounding territory, and their sales now reach a gratifying annual figure.

In 1878 Mr. Rosen was united in marriage to Miss Augusta Rundberg, a daughter of John Rundberg, a native of Sweden and a pioneer of Boone county, who is now deceased. Unto Mr. and Mrs. Rosen have been born four children: Lillian E., who has passed away; Walter M., cashier of the City State Bank of Ogden; and Edna and Clarence, at home. Mr. Rosen owns a fine residence in

the eastern part of the town, and the spirit of hospitality there reigns supreme. He votes with the republican party, and upon its ticket has been elected to some local offices. For nine years he served as a member of the city council and exercised his official prerogatives in support of many measures for the general good, seeking to promote matters of reform, progress and improvement in his city. For an extended period he has been a member of the school board, and the cause of education has found in him a stalwart champion. His religious faith is that of the Swedish Mission, and high and honorable principles actuate him in all of his relations with his fellowmen. Upon the sure and safe foundation of integrity in business he has builded his success, and those who have known him and watched his career speak of him in terms of high regard.

HARRY LUCAS TILLSON.

Harry Lucas Tillson, who for a number of years has been engaged in the electrical supply business in Boone and who is an electrical contractor, is a native son of this city, where he was born February 22, 1883. He is a son of Josiah P. and Olive (Lucas) Tillson, the former born in Otsego, New York. Their son, Harry L., attended the schools of Boone until 1899, spending the last three years in high school under the direction of Professor George I. Miller. He subsequently entered the Iowa State College at Ames, where he took a course in electrical engineering, graduating with the class of 1903. He then returned to Boone, where he remained until his removal to the Kansas oil fields, where he was professionally employed for a year and a half. He next became a member of the staff of the Boone Electric Company, continuing with this concern for one and a half years. At the end of that time he established himself independently as an electrical contractor and also as a dealer in electrical supplies.

On July 10, 1905, Mr. Tillson married Miss Alice Nelson of Boone, a daughter of George C. and Adelia (Hibbard) Nelson. Politically Mr. Tillson is a republican but is not active in public affairs, although he is ever ready to support valuable enterprises which promise to improve conditions in his community. He is a member of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows and also belongs to the encampment of that organization.

H. J. HAGGE.

H. J. Hagge is a member of the firm of Hagge & Claussen, of Ogden, dealers in automobiles, who also conduct a general repair business and are accorded a liberal patronage in both connections. His birth occurred in Yell township, Boone county, Iowa, on the 3d of November, 1888, his parents being Hans and Catherina (Keuhl) Hagge, both of whom are natives of Germany. The father emigrated to the United States in an early day, first spending a short time in Wisconsin and later coming to this county. He purchased and improved a farm in Yell township, carrying on general agricultural pursuits successfully until 1911.

when he put aside the active work of the fields and took up his abode in Ogden, where he has since lived retired. Both he and his wife are well known and highly esteemed throughout the community, and the hospitality of the best homes is cordially extended them.

H. J. Hagge acquired his early education in the district schools of this county and continued his studies in the public schools of Ogden, while subsequently he pursued a course in the Capital City Commercial College of Des Moines. After putting aside his text-books he cultivated rented land for three years and then took up his abode in Ogden, where he worked for a short time. On the 1st of February, 1913, in partnership with Carl Claussen, he embarked in the automobile business, having since handled Buick cars exclusively and also conducting a general repair business under the firm style of Hagge & Claussen. They own their garage, which is a single-story brick building of double width. Mr. Hagge has won gratifying success in this connection and also owns a farm of eighty acres in Yell township which owes its excellent improvements to his personal efforts.

Since age conferred upon him the right of franchise Mr. Hagge has supported the men and measures of the republican party. His religious faith is that of the German Lutheran church. He has spent his entire life within the borders of his native county and is a popular young man who has won and retained an extensive circle of friends.

SIDNEY R. DYER.

Sidney R. Dyer, a leading and successful representative of the legal fraternity in Boone county, has now practiced his profession in the town of Boone continuously for more than four decades and has been accorded an extensive and gratifying clientage. His birth occurred in Lockport, New York, on the 28th of December, 1845, his parents being John and Sarah A. (Webb) Dyer.

Sidney R. Dyer acquired his education in the public schools of Fulton, Illinois, and also attended a military academy there. In July, 1862, when in his seventeenth year, he enlisted for service in the Civil war, becoming a member of Company F, Ninety-third Illinois Infantry, and remaining with that command until mustered out in 1865. Subsequently he pursued the course of study in the Northern Soldiers' College and in 1870 took up the study of law in the office of W. E. Leffingwell, of Lyons, Iowa. He was admitted to the Clinton county bar in 1872 and engaged in practice for a short time at Fulton, Illinois, but in November of that year he opened an office in Boone, where he has remained continuously since. A liberal and lucrative clientage has been accorded him. He is remarkable among lawyers for the wide research and provident care with which he prepares his cases. At no time has his reading ever been confined to the limitation of the questions at issue. It has gone beyond and compassed every contingency and provided not alone for the expected, but for the unexpected, which happens in the courts quite as frequently as out of them.

As a companion and helpmate on the journey of life Mr. Dyer chose Miss Jennie L. Moffatt, a daughter of Charles A. and Charlotte (Bascom) Moffatt, both

of whom were born in New York. Our subject and his wife had two sons, Dr. John S., deceased, and Walter R.

Mr. Dyer gives his political allegiance to the republican party and for two terms held the office of mayor in Boone, his administration being characterized by many measures of reform and progress. He is a staunch champion of the cause of education and has done valuable service as a member of the school board. He belongs to the Grand Army of the Republic and is identified fraternally with the Benevolent Protective Order of Elks. During the many years in which Mr. Dyer has practiced his profession in Boone his success has been uniformly pronounced, while his long residence in the community, together with his sterling integrity and personality, has won for him a large number of friends.

SQUIRE B. WILLIAMS.

There was no more beloved citizen in Madrid, Iowa, than Squire B. Williams, who was highly respected and esteemed as a friend, as a citizen, as a merchant, banker and official. For a number of years Mr. Williams was most successfully engaged in the grain business and from 1909 until his demise also served as cashier of the Madrid State Bank. Under Cleveland he was postmaster of Madrid and discharged his duties in a highly creditable way. Mr. Williams was one of the best informed men of his community, conversant with the leading issues and questions of the day and always ready to give his support to valuable public enterprises. He was a man of energy and determination and by persistent and honorable efforts mounted the ladder to success.

Squire B. Williams was born in Boone county, Iowa, May 13, 1860, on what is now known as the John Dalander farm, near Elk Rapids, and was a son of Benjamin and Elizabeth Williams, pioneer residents of this county, who are mentioned at length in another part of this work. Benjamin Williams was a native of Ohio who had moved to Indiana, where he was educated and grew to manhood. In 1847 he came to Iowa, settling in Boone county, and here he resided until his death in February, 1884, at the age of sixty-six years. Elizabeth Williams, who survives him, also came to Boone county at an early day in its history.

Squire B. Williams was reared under the parental roof, receiving a common school education in the neighborhood of the father's farm and early assisting his parents in their agricultural labors. He remained with them until twenty years of age, when he came to Madrid and engaged in the livery business, in which he was successful for about four years. Disposing of his interests in that line, he then formed a partnership with the late G. A. Young and they conducted a meat business for about a year. At that time he was appointed postmaster of Madrid by President Cleveland, and filled the position for one term, giving great satisfaction to the patrons of the office. He subsequently became local manager of the McFarland Grain Company, and in that position came in touch with the most important agricultural interests of the section, earning the high regard of his employers. He remained with this firm for



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twelve years. In August, 1900, he purchased from C. S. Lawbaugh an established grain business, which he successfully conducted until his demise. Mr. Williams was a shrewd and able business man, thoroughly honest in all his methods, and in great measure he enjoyed the confidence of those who had business transactions with him. His ability was recognized and by it he built up a commercial institution which brought him a large competence. He made a number of profitable and judicious investments, including stock purchases in the Madrid State Bank. In 1909, when a vacancy occurred in the cashiership, Mr. Williams was elected to that position, and ably managed the affairs of this bank until his death, supervising at the same time his grain interests. As a banker Mr. Williams proved himself most able. While he was connected officially with the institution the bank increased in stability, and its resources grew rapidly. His advice was frequently sought by investors, and the depositors of the institution found in him a valuable friend. He was careful in the investments of the bank, and his foremost consideration was always the interest of the depositors.

On September 29, 1883, Mr. Williams was united in marriage to Miss Blanche Bilsland, of Madrid, who ably assisted him in his many enterprises and was his worthy helpmate. During his last illness she cared for him with all the love conceivable and provided him with every imaginable comfort. Mrs. Williams was born in Douglas township, Boone county, on September 2, 1861. Here she grew to womanhood, attending the common schools and the Boone high school for one year. Her parents, John and Eliza (Wagner) Bilsland, were natives of Indiana and Illinois respectively, the former born in Fountain county, April 7, 1831, and the latter in Iroquois county, March 27, 1837. The mother died in Madrid, January 25, 1896. Mr. Bilsland still resides in a handsome home in Madrid, Mrs. Williams, his daughter, making her home with him. The father came overland to Iowa in 1853, and settled at Swede Point, now Madrid. Soon after his arrival he acquired a large tract of land in northern Douglas township. This was in the year 1856. He then returned to Indiana, bringing his bride to the newly established home in Iowa. They were pioneers indeed, as at that time nearly all the vast expanse surrounding Madrid was unbroken land and settlements were sparse. Markets were at a great distance and frontier conditions prevailed generally. By perseverance and close application Mr. Bilsland, however, overcame these difficulties and rose to a position of substance among his fellow citizens. The father of Mr. Bilsland was born on the Atlantic ocean when the grandparents were emigrating to America. The family first located in Pennsylvania and several members participated in the War of 1812. Mr. and Mrs. Bilsland retired to Madrid in 1873, yet the former continued to direct his farm operations until 1897. Mrs. Williams was their only child.

Mr. and Mrs. Williams had two daughters, both born in Madrid: Mrs. Edna Boone Parsons, born March 6, 1886, who attended the Madrid high school, but left before graduating and who graduated from the oratory department of Drake University in 1905; and Dorothy B., born September 14, 1898, who is attending school in Madrid. Mrs. Parsons is a very effective orator and recited at the Boone County Pioneers' Semi-Centennial, held at Ames in 1904, the Declaration of Independence, earning high praise because of the effective recital of the famous document. She married in 1911 Benjamin F. Parsons, a gradu-

ate electrical engineer of Iowa State College, and they now reside in Portland, Oregon. They have one son, Carter Franklin Parsons, born January 5, 1914.

Squire B. Williams was an ardent democrat. His first vote was cast for Cleveland in 1884, while the first vote of Mr. Bilsland was given Franklin Pierce. Mr. Williams was honored with election to public office and for two years served as city treasurer. He was always ready to lend valuable aid in the way of enabling his community to realize some aspects of its higher self. His material aid was ever forthcoming. He was a courteous, affable, approachable gentleman, a man of sympathies who was ever ready to do a kindness to those in need of his services. Both he and Mr. Bilsland were members of Star Lodge, No. 115, A. F. & A. M., of Madrid. He belonged to the Christian church, of which Mrs. Williams is a member, and always took a deep interest in its work. He was particularly effective as a member of the choir, possessing an excellent voice, and Mrs. Williams still sings with that organization. She now looks after the extensive interests left by her husband, and has proven herself a most able manager of important affairs. She is a charter member of Occidental Chapter, O. E. S., of Madrid, and at present is grand warder of the state of Iowa in the organization. Both Mr. and Mrs. Williams were always among the most progressive citizens, and it might be of interest to note here that they introduced the first telephone to their community and that the first gasoline stove found a place in their home.

Mr. Williams was one of the very best types of Iowa's native sons and he reflected honor upon his state and county by his honorable activities. Squire B. Williams died on April 14, 1912, at the age of fifty-one years, eleven months and one day. His demise caused sincere sorrow throughout the community, and in many homes his loss was felt as a personal one. As a friend he was faithful and true, as a citizen loyal to his community and county and as a father and husband he proved his noble manhood. His memory will live for many years, and his record is such that it should spur on the young men of today to gain an honorable position and financial independence by following his worthy precepts.

ALBERT T. SUNDELL.

Albert T. Sundell, who has remained a resident of Grant township from his birth to the present time, devotes his attention to the operation of the home farm of one hundred and sixty acres on section 20 and also makes a specialty of stock-raising. He was born on the 8th of June, 1877, a son of Gust and Emily (Bergman) Sundell, both of whom are natives of Sweden. The father crossed the Atlantic to the United States in the '60s and located in Keokuk, Iowa, where he helped to build the canal, assisting in its construction for six years. On the expiration of that period he came to Boone county and purchased a tract of land in Grant township which he improved and operated continuously and successfully until 1900, when he put aside the active work of the fields and removed to Pilot Mound, where he has since lived retired. He has now reached the age



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of seventy years and is well known and highly esteemed throughout the community.

Albert T. Sundell was reared in Grant township, where he acquired his education, also attending the short course at Iowa State College at Ames for three years. After attaining his majority he took charge of the home farm, comprising one hundred and sixty acres on section 20, Grant township, and has since operated the same with excellent results. The property will eventually come into his possession, for he is the only child of his parents. In connection with the tilling of the soil he makes a specialty of the raising of Duroc Jersey hogs and Hereford cattle and also of buying stock. He is also a stockholder in the Farmers Elevator Company of Boxholm and is widely recognized as a progressive and enterprising citizen of his native county.

In May, 1900, Mr. Sundell was united in marriage to Miss Julia Lundblad, a daughter of Alfred and Sophia Lundblad, who are natives of Sweden and emigrated to America at an early day. The father, one of the earliest pioneers of Boone county, still lives on his farm in Pilot Mound township, and the mother also yet survives. Unto Mr. and Mrs. Sundell have been born six children, as follows: Clarence; Cloyd; Viola; Herman, who died in 1908; Mildred; and Laura.

In politics Mr. Sundell is a republican, loyally supporting the principles and candidates of that party. He has served as trustee of Grant township and has been a member of the school board since reaching his majority or for a period of sixteen years, ever discharging his official duties in a capable and commendable manner. He is identified fraternally with the Modern Woodmen of America, and his religious faith is that of the Lutheran church. Both Mr. and Mrs. Sundell are held in high esteem throughout the community and have an extensive circle of warm friends, while the hospitality of the best homes is freely accorded them.

JOHN S. GASTON.

With Boone as a railway center, naturally a considerable proportion of its citizens are connected with the railway service, among whom are those whose efficiency has been acknowledged in promotion by the railway corporation which they serve. One of these is John S. Gaston, a passenger conductor on the Northwestern between Boone and Omaha. He has been a conductor since 1890, while his connection with railroad work dates from 1883, more than three decades ago. His first position was that of brakeman, while later he became freight conductor, and in 1904 was made passenger conductor. He was born upon a farm near Traer, Tama county, Iowa, on the 3d of January, 1859 a son of Hugh Ford Gaston, a native of Muskingum county, Ohio, born in August, 1810. While still a resident of the Buckeye state he married Elizabeth Stokes, of Wells-ville, Ohio, a daughter of John and Martha (Van Tilberg) Stokes. On leaving his native state Hugh Ford Gaston removed to Iowa with his wife and child, settling in Tama county. The journey was made by wagon and they crossed the Mississippi river at Muscatine. Pioneer conditions existed in the state, where the work of progress and improvement had scarcely been begun. They settled

among the Indians in Tama county and the father purchased one hundred and sixty acres of government land at a dollar and a quarter per acre. His farm was situated in Perry township and was mostly prairie land. He later acquired an adjoining tract of one hundred and sixty acres of land for which he gave a team of oxen. This was virgin soil, and with characteristic energy he began to turn the sod and prepare the place for cultivation. He built a house of logs and it was in that pioneer cabin that John S. Gaston was born. Later the primitive home was replaced by a frame dwelling and this in turn gave way before a thoroughly modern two-story frame residence containing ten rooms—one of the attractive modern homes of the twentieth century. About fifteen years ago Mr. Gaston retired from active life and removed to Traer, where he is still living—active, hale and hearty and possessing a most retentive memory. He is one of the honored pioneer settlers of his part of the state and has ever been acknowledged a citizen of worth. He was one of the builders of the Congregational church, and he has always given stalwart support to the republican party. His wife also survives and is now eighty-four years of age. Theirs is the remarkable record of having been married sixty-six years and having never been separated for a single day. In their family were the following children: Etta, at home; James, who died at the age of forty-one years; John S.; Ella, now the wife of Professor O. P. Berber of Cornell, Iowa; Mattie, who died at the age of twenty-one years; Willis, living at Reinbeck, Iowa; Wallace, who makes his home at Traer; Denver Dayton, at home; and Zay, the wife of George Franzenberg of Tacoma, Washington.

Born and reared on the old home farm, John S. Gaston was a pupil in the public schools of Traer between the ages of five and fifteen years. With the family he shared in the usual experiences, hardships and privations of pioneer life, at a time when Waterloo was the nearest town to the Gaston homestead. The entire country was new and the land unbroken, and there was no railroad until the Burlington, Cedar Rapids & Northern was built through Traer. Even in his boyhood days Mr. Gaston was deeply interested in the development and progress of the district. After leaving the public schools he continued his education at the Tilford Academy in Vinton, Iowa, and also spent a year at Cornell College in Mount Vernon. When about eighteen years of age he finished his studies and later remained upon the home farm until he attained his majority. About 1882 or 1883 he came to Boone and soon afterward entered the employ of the Chicago & Northwestern Railway Company in the capacity of brakeman. After serving in that way for two years he was called home to take charge of the farm, for his father had been elected county treasurer of Tama county and needed the assistance of his son in the work of the fields that he might be thus relieved to take charge of the duties of his official position. In 1887 John S. Gaston returned to Boone and once more entered the employ of the Northwestern as brakeman, continuing as such until the 1st of June, 1890, when he was promoted to freight conductor, his run being between Boone and Council Bluffs. He acted in that capacity until 1904, when, on the 24th of December, he was promoted to the position of passenger conductor, still running between Boone and Council Bluffs. He has since served as passenger conductor and is a popular official of the road because of his unfailing courtesy and obliging manner and his ready and willing assistance to the many patrons of the road.

On the 22d of November, 1888, in Traer, Iowa, the Rev. Bingham pronounced the words that made John S. Gaston and Miss Helena Schroeder husband and wife. Mrs. Gaston was born in Marne, Holstein, Germany, June 19, 1865, and was brought to the United States when a year old by her parents, who located in Davenport, Iowa. When she was five years of age they went to Toledo, Tama county, and when she became a maiden of twelve summers a removal was made to Traer, Iowa, where she continued her education in the public school. Her father, Peter Schroeder, was educated in Germany and served for three years in the German army. He afterward learned and followed the mason's trade in his native country, but, thinking that he might have better opportunities in the new world, he crossed the Atlantic to the United States, as previously stated, accompanied by his wife and two children. He was the only one of that branch of the Schroeder family to come to America. He followed the mason's trade for a time after reaching the new world, but ultimately turned his attention to other pursuits and is now a retired farmer living in Davenport. Unto him and his wife were born the following children: Mrs. Gaston; Charles, who makes his home in Spencer, Iowa; William, deceased; Henry, a practicing physician of Braymer, Missouri; Peter, a physician of Davenport, Iowa; and Emma, the wife of Charles Anderson, of Peoria, Illinois.

Unto Mr. and Mrs. Gaston have been born three children. Mildred, born November 18, 1889, in Boone, attended the public schools until graduated with the class of 1908. She then pursued a four years' course in Ames College, taking domestic science, and for a year and a half she was a teacher at Ida Grove. On the 11th of February, 1914, she became the wife of John M. Gould and resides in Cleburne, Texas. Mary Elizabeth, born November 13, 1894, was graduated from the Boone high school with the class of 1913 and is now a teacher in the Ericson school of Boone county. Donald S., born April 17, 1899, is a high-school pupil in Boone. The record of the children indicates the interest of the parents in education and their efforts to give their daughters and son excellent advantages along that line. In politics Mr. Gaston is a stalwart republican, believing firmly in the principles of the party. He belongs to the Brotherhood of Railway Trainmen and to Boone Lodge, No. 79, F. & A. M. He and his family are consistent and faithful members of the Presbyterian church, and they occupy a pleasant home at No. 204 Tama street, which Mr. Gaston purchased eight years ago. Fidelity to duty is one of his strong characteristics; his ability has developed through effort and his energy and industry have made him one of the trustworthy representatives of railway activity in Boone.

JOHN REED BOYD.

John Reed Boyd is a prosperous farmer residing on section 17, Colfax township, where he successfully cultivates one hundred and sixty acres of land, which he owns. His birth occurred in Elk River township, Clinton county, Iowa, on the 2d day of December, 1853. His father, James Boyd, was a native of Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, and there grew to manhood. His marriage occurred in Clinton county, Iowa, his wife being in her maidenhood Miss Mary Sloane.

They later came to Boone county. The father passed away in Colfax township after he had reached the Psalmist's allotted age of man, his death occurring when he was seventy-two years old. His political support was given to the democratic party, and he was a man of splendid qualities of character and enjoyed the esteem of his community. His wife passed away on the homestead, and both are buried in Clarke cemetery. To them were born the following children: George J.; Thomas S.; Martha W., now deceased, who married Norman Hurd; Marion and David, who have passed away; John Reed, of this review; Mary E., now Mrs. Smith Barret, of Boone; Ethel A., deceased, who married Harry Myers; and James B., of Colfax.

John Reed Boyd remained in Clinton county, Iowa, until he was sixteen years of age, and his energies were devoted to the acquiring of an education in the public schools and the assisting in the work of cultivating the home farm. In 1869 he accompanied his father to Boone county, locating on a tract of land in Colfax township. The father was at one time the owner of nine hundred acres, which he later divided among his children. Our subject continued his education in Colfax township, putting aside his text-books at the age of nineteen. For a few years thereafter he remained at home, aiding his father in the tilling of the soil. In 1875 his marriage occurred, and for thirteen years subsequently he made his home upon his father's land. In the fall of 1892 he built his present residence. He has proven himself an efficient agriculturist and reaps bountiful harvests as the reward of his labor.

In 1875 Mr. Boyd married Miss Ella Hull, a daughter of Samuel A. and Rachel (Prother) Hull. The following children were born to our subject and his wife: Minnie May, the wife of Charles Cromwell of Madrid; Samuel R., at home; Ernest W., also at home; Byron J., of Colfax township; Alpha C., who married Tillie Legvold, of Colfax; Harry E., who passed away at sixteen; and Lee J. and Leah Irene, twins.

Mrs. Boyd is a member of the Methodist Episcopal church. Mr. Boyd gives his political allegiance to the democratic party and has served for some time as a school director, always manifesting a praiseworthy interest in the welfare of the public schools of his district. He has carried the same spirit into all the relations of life and in consequence holds the respect of his fellowmen.

FRANK D. ADIX.

Frank D. Adix, who is engaged in the carpentering and contracting business in Boone in partnership with his brother A. W., is numbered among that city's shrewd and able business men. He is a son of Lewis W. and Fredericka (Krogman) Adix, natives of Germany, who are mentioned in another part of this work and who are numbered among the pioneer residents of Boone county.

Frank D. Adix was born on the home farm in Yell township, March 12, 1875, and when old enough entered the district schools of the neighborhood, continuing his lessons in the Hickory Grove school during the winter months until he was twenty-one years of age. During this time, however, he gave much attention to agricultural pursuits, acquainting himself thoroughly with the best methods



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under the able direction of his father. He so continued until twenty-two years of age and then, in partnership with his brother Albert W., acquired the title to the homestead, which they operated as partners until the spring of 1913, when Mr. Adix of this review removed to Boone in order to give the best of care to his aged parents. He is now engaged in the contracting business in Boone and in partnership with his brother has executed a number of important contracts. He is shrewd and able, up-to-date and thoroughly honest in all his methods, having gained a high reputation among the builders of Boone county. In partnership with his brother he owns eighteen lots in Barnett's addition in the fifth ward of the city of Boone.

On March 20, 1907, Mr. Adix was united in marriage, in Ogden, Iowa, to Miss Elizabeth Rinehart, a daughter of William P. and Phoebe (Bressler) Rinehart. Mr. Adix takes a lasting interest in the social and material progress of his community. He gives readily to charitable causes and, although not a member of any church, often attends religious services. He is a democrat, loyally supporting that party at the polls, although he is not an office-seeker.

WILLIAM H. CHANCE.

William H. Chance, of Boone, Iowa, is a partner in the firm of T. H. Chance & Son, who conduct a large and profitable machine shop in that city. He is one of the younger business men of Boone county, his birth having occurred in Angus, this county, March 14, 1884. He is a son of Tillman and Jennie (Davis) Chance, the latter a native of Boone county. The father was born in Adel, Dallas county, Iowa, about sixty years ago. He spent his boyhood and youth in Dallas county, there attending the public schools. In his earlier life he assisted in farm labor but subsequently became an engineer in the gold mines of Colorado and upon his return from the western state established himself as a stationary engineer in Angus in 1880. He now deals in farm lands, besides being interested in the firm with which son is connected. Both Mr. and Mrs. Chance are members of the Christian church and the former is fraternally a Knight of Pythias and a Mason. He votes independently, preferring to follow his own judgment in giving support to the various candidates. Previous to his marriage to Jennie Davis, Mr. Chance was wedded to a Miss Garoutte, who bore him two children: Zilla; and Clifford A., of Ralston, Iowa, who married Jessie Le Compte, by whom he has one child, Eloise. To his second marriage the following children were born: William H., of this review; Myrtle, who now resides with her parents and who is the widow of James McCart, by whom she has one child, Grace; Josephine, the wife of R. A. Timmins and the mother of Audrey Timmins; Emma, who is Mrs. Frank Burris of Des Moines; Lena, who married Richard Harrison and resides in Des Moines; and Linnie, at home.

William H. Chance was but a year old when his parents removed from Angus to Fishville, Iowa. There they remained about a year and then proceeded to Van Meter, which was the family home for about four years. The next two years were spent in Victoria, British Columbia, whence the family returned for one year to Van Meter, thence going to Fraser, Iowa, where they domiciled for thir-

teen years. William H. Chance was educated in the public schools of Fraser and Ogden. He completed his lessons in the latter place at the age of sixteen and then became a fireman for the Boone Coal & Mining Company at Fraser, holding that position for two years. At the end of that time he was promoted engineer and for six years acted in that capacity. He then was given charge of an engine in the Ogden mines for one year and for the next two years was employed as master merchanic. On the expiration of that period he came to Boone, becoming part owner of the machine shop which is operated under the firm name of T. H. Chance & Son. Mr. Chance is not only an expert machinist but an able business man and has done much toward establishing the reputation of his firm. They now do an extensive business and are numbered among the prosperous concerns of his city.

In June, 1905, in Fraser, William H. Chance married Miss Bessie Grylls, who was born in Angus in September, 1883, and is a daughter of Samuel and Margaret (Williams) Grylls of Fraser. Mr. and Mrs. Chance have two children: Clifford Howard, who was born February 27, 1907; and Raymond Samuel, born March 25, 1909. Mr. Chance votes independently, not submitting to any party dictation. Fraternally he belongs to the Loyal Order of Moose, the Independent Order of Odd Fellows and the National Association of Steam Engineers. Mr. Chance has not only built up an individual success but has been a factor in the growth and development of his community. He is every ready to give his support to measures which are undertaken to extend the trade interests of his city and also takes a lively interest in the moral and intellectual upbuilding of the people. He receives the confidence and esteem of all who know him and is worthy of the trust which is placed in him.

PETER A. STARK.

Peter A. Stark, who was born in Sweden, January 16, 1863, is a representative of that race which has contributed so much toward the general development of this country in various sections of the United States. He combines in his character the sturdy qualities of his nation with the aggressiveness and the shrewdness of the American merchant. He is engaged in the hardware and implement business in Boxholm, Boone county, and has been very successful in the conduct of his affairs. His parents were Peter and Matilda (Larson) Stark, natives of Sweden, the former a carpenter by trade. He was engaged in that occupation in his native land until 1868, when he and his family came to America, locating in Hardin township, Webster county, Iowa, where the father found employment in a sawmill, remaining there until 1879, when he removed to Grant township, Boone county, where he had previously bought land which he transformed into richly bearing fields, operating this property for many years. He had bought this farm while yet a resident of Hardin township, Webster county, in 1872, but took up its cultivation about seven years later, when he moved thereon. This farm consisted of eighty acres and was located on section 16. Mr. Stark finally retired from active labor with a fair competency and moved to Boxholm, where he lived until his death, which occurred in the spring

of 1909, at the age of seventy-six years. His widow is a resident of Boxholm and is now in her seventy-fifth year.

Peter A. Stark was five years of age when his parents came to America and received his education in Webster county, Iowa. He remained on the home farm until he had reached his majority and then bought land on section 16, Grant township, which he improved and cultivated for nine years. Upon selling out he came to Boxholm, engaging in the hardware and farm implement business, and has ever since given his attention to this line of work. He carries a large stock and enjoys a profitable trade, his store being the only one of its kind in the neighborhood. He owns his own business building and also holds title to his residence.

In June, 1888, Mr. Stark married Miss Rose Johnson, a daughter of Swan and Margaret (Englund) Johnson, natives of Sweden, who upon coming to America located in Grant township, where the father followed farming and also acted as engineer. His property was located on section 3, Grant township, and there he continued until 1890, when he retired and moved to Dayton, where he gave some attention to auctioneering and the real-estate business. He died in that city in February, 1912, and his widow is still residing there. Mr. and Mrs. Stark are the parents of four children: Swan A., twenty-four years of age, who is engaged in farming in Missouri; Alice, who is twenty-one years of age and who married Oscar T. Wilen, who is employed in his father-in-law's store; Ernest Bryan, sixteen years of age; and Virgil J., aged ten.

Mr. Stark also owns a hardware and implement business in Harcourt, Webster county, which is in a most prosperous condition. He is a stockholder in the Farmers State Bank of Boxholm and at present is a member of the town council. For twelve years he served as trustee of Grant township and also held the office of assessor. In his various public connections he has always proven himself a man of trustworthiness and faithfulness, placing the general welfare above his private interests. His political allegiance is given to the democratic party, and his religious faith is that of the Methodist church. Fraternally he is a member of the Masonic lodge, the Knights of Pythias and the Modern Woodmen of America. Mr. Stark has many friends in Boxholm and stands high in the estimation of all who know him.

JAMES W. LAMB.

James W. Lamb, a retired hotel proprietor, has been a resident of Boone for thirty years and of the county for forty-four years. He has an extensive acquaintance in this part of the state, and he has had considerable influence in shaping public affairs. He was born near Terre Haute, Indiana, on the 1st of April, 1836. His paternal grandfather was a pioneer of Kentucky and died in that state. His father, William Lamb, was born in North Carolina in 1804 but when four years of age was taken by his parents to Kentucky, where he was reared. He there married Rachel Ashcroft and afterward removed to Indiana, where he lived until his removal to Illinois, his death occurring in Jo Daviess county of the latter state

when he was in his seventy-sixth year. His wife passed away when sixty-five years of age. They had a family of nine children, all of whom have now passed away with the exception of James W. and John R., the latter a resident of Hanover, Illinois.

James W. Lamb was but four years of age when the family removed from Indiana to Schuyler county, Illinois, where they lived for four years and then took up their abode near Freeport, that state, where he was reared to manhood. The country was new and pioneer conditions existed on all sides. He remembers seeing herds of deer and elk where now stands the flourishing city of Freeport. He was educated in one of the old-time log schoolhouses with its hewed log benches and big fireplace occupying one end of the room. Methods of instruction were as primitive as the building and it was at a time when every school teacher heeded the injunction concerning "Spare the rod and spoil the child." In his youth Mr. Lamb worked upon the home farm and as he advanced in years and strength assisted more and more largely in the labor of the fields. After a time the father purchased a farm in Jo Daviess county, just across the line from their old home.

In 1856 James W. Lamb was married in McDonough county, Illinois, to Miss Deborah Ann De Camp, of that county, a daughter of Joel and Matilda (Bridge) De Camp. The young couple began their domestic life upon an Illinois farm and in May, 1870, they removed to Iowa, settling at Ogden, where Mr. Lamb conducted a meat market which was the first in the town. At the end of three years he purchased a farm in Yell township and thereon made his home for seven years, upon the expiration of which period he went to Rolfe, Iowa, where he was engaged in the live-stock and banking business for five years. He then came to Boone and embarked in the hotel business, conducting the City Hotel for twenty-seven years, since which time he has lived retired. His business affairs have at all times been carefully and wisely directed and his energy and careful management have brought to him a success which now enables him to live retired.

While living in Yell township Mr. Lamb was called upon to mourn the loss of his first wife, who passed away there in 1877. He afterward wedded Susie Fogel, in Phillipsburg, Kansas. She died in Boone in 1896 and on the 24th of April, 1901, Mr. Lamb wedded Mrs. Margaret Totten, who was born in Parkersburg, West Virginia, October 21, 1849, a daughter of William and Lucy (Maddox) Davis, who were natives of West Virginia and were descended from New England ancestry. The latter was a daughter of one of the soldiers of the Revolutionary war. Allen Davis, the paternal grandfather, was a large slave holder in Virginia. During the early period in the history of that state he owned and operated a ferry at Harpers Ferry. Margaret Davis, daughter of William and Lucy (Maddox) Davis, was but five years of age when she accompanied her parents to Jasper county, Iowa, where she was reared to womanhood. In that county she first married Phillip Totten, a native of Ohio and a butcher by trade. He died in Hot Springs, Arkansas. They became the parents of three children: Alvin, a merchant of Turtle Lake, North Dakota; Anna, the wife of Asby Perry, of Atkinson, Nebraska; and William, of Fort Leavenworth, Kansas. By his first marriage Mr. Lamb had two children, who are yet living, Alzina and Julia. The former is the widow of David Reading and has three children, Lewis, Nellie and Ethel. Julia is the wife of George Ritters, of Paton, Iowa, and their

children are Glenn, Bessie, Gertrude, Lloyd and Floyd, twins, Marvel and Homer.

Mr. and Mrs. Lamb are members of the First Methodist Episcopal church. In politics he was a republican for a number of years after casting his first presidential ballot for Fremont. For some years past, however, he has been active in the prohibition party and for a long period has been county chairman. In the early days of his residence here he served as deputy sheriff and has also been constable, supervisor and school director. Fraternally, he is connected with the Odd Fellows, being a charter member of Rolfe Lodge, No. 94. Energy and industry constitute the basis of the success which he has achieved. He early realized that these qualities are indispensable in winning business advancement and his close application and diligence have placed him in a position among the men of affluence in his adopted county, where he is also widely and favorably known by reason of many attractive social qualities.

GUST BROD.

For an extended period Gust Brod was connected with general agricultural pursuits in Boone county, but on the 1st of March, 1914, retired, taking up his abode at Boxholm, where he is now living. He is serving as one of the trustees of Grant township and is financially interested in business enterprises, the active management of which, however, he leaves to others, while he is enjoying a well earned and well merited rest. He was born in Germany, August 17, 1859, and is a son of August and Mary Brod, who were also natives of that country. The father learned and followed the weaver's trade in Germany, and in 1872 crossed the Atlantic to America, making his way at once to Boone county, where he took up his abode in Grant township, purchasing sixty acres of land which was largely wild and undeveloped. This he improved, carrying on the farm work to the time of his death, which occurred in February, 1893. His wife passed away December 25, 1901. They had long been numbered among the worthy residents of Boone county, enjoying the warm regard of all with whom they had been brought in contact.

Gust Brod was reared in the fatherland to the age of thirteen years and pursued his education in the schools of that country until the emigration to the new world, after which he continued his studies in public schools of Iowa. He remained with his parents until twenty-four years of age and then started out in life on his own account, purchasing eighty acres of land in Grant township, which he improved. Subsequently he purchased his father's original tract of sixty acres, so that his farm then comprised one hundred and forty acres, lying on sections 26 and 27, Grant township. Year by year he carefully cultivated the place, bringing the fields under a high state of development, and year by year he gathered good crops as the reward of his care and labor. The wise management of his business affairs and the practical progressive methods which he followed in developing and cultivating his farm brought him a most gratifying and substantial measure of success, enabling him to put aside further business cares, so that on the 1st of March, 1914, he retired from

farm life and removed to Boxholm, where he now resides. He is a stockholder in the Farmers State Bank of Boxholm and also a stockholder and director of the Farmers Elevator Company.

On Christmas day of 1884, Mr. Brod was married to Miss Cora D. Muench, a daughter of Jacob and Catherine (Bubb) Muench, who were natives of Pennsylvania. The father was a mason by trade and at an early day made his way to Illinois, where he remained until 1881, when he removed with his family to Boone county, Iowa, purchasing land in Grant township which he carefully tilled and developed for many years, winning success in his undertaking. He then retired from active business life and removed to Pilot Mound, where he made his home until his death, which occurred on the 23d of December, 1907. His widow survives and is yet living at Pilot Mound. Unto Mr. and Mrs. Brod have been born six children: Alvin E., Lillian, Nellie, Ruby, Gladys and Myrtle. Mrs. Brod was born in Mount Morris township, Ogle county, Illinois, December 5, 1866.

In his political views Mr. Brod is a republican and is serving as one of the trustees of Grant township, a position which he has ably filled through the past ten years. His religious faith is that of the Evangelical Association. He belongs to that class of self-made men whose success is the logical outcome of their unfaltering energy and close application.

CAPTAIN WILLIAM DAVIS TEMPLIN.

Captain William Davis Templin, an honored veteran of the Civil war, residing at No. 904 Marion street, was born October 22, 1832, in Delaware county, Indiana, a son of Dr. Isaiah and Elizabeth (Clevenger) Templin. The father was a medical practitioner in Indiana and in 1851 removed westward to Oskaloosa, Iowa, where he practiced until his death in 1866. He was born in Hillsboro, Ohio, and his wife was a native of Clinton county, that state. Her people, however, came from Virginia, while the Templin family were from Kentucky, the grandfather, Robert Templin, there making his home prior to going to Indiana. The religious faith of the family is that of the Presbyterian church. Unto Dr. and Mrs. Isaiah Templin there were born six sons and two daughters, of whom three sons and one daughter are yet living: William Davis; Cyril, a resident of Hoskins, Nebraska; James, of Iola, Kansas; and Mrs. Serena J. Cline, of Oklahoma.

When twelve years of age Captain William D. Templin, who was the second in order of birth in his father's family, went to Piatt county, Illinois, where he remained until 1855. He then came to Boone county, Iowa, establishing his home here prior to the Civil war. He at first engaged in farming and also conducted business as a stationary engineer. After the war and until a recent date, when he retired, he was in the pension claim service and was also justice of the peace for fourteen years.

Captain Templin proved his loyalty to his country by enlisting in 1861 as a member of Company D, Tenth Iowa Volunteer Infantry, with which he served for six months as a private. He was then elected second lieutenant, in 1862



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returned home and in one day raised Company D, of the Thirty-second Iowa Infantry, numbering one hundred and ten men, seventeen of whom are still living. A reunion is annually held on the 11th of August, the date of their enlistment. Mr. Templin went to the front as first lieutenant of that company and during most of the time commanded the company. He served from the 12th of August, 1861, until the 30th of March, 1865, and participated in many hotly contested engagements. He was wounded at Yellow Bayou, Louisiana, in the famous Red River campaign, which caused the loss of his left limb, the other leg being broken by a shot. He never suffered from illness, however, throughout the long period of his connection with the army. It was meet that he should be given a government position, so ably and faithfully had he served his country and so great was the sacrifice which he made for the Union cause in losing his leg.

On the 12th of December, 1858, at Boone, Captain Templin was married to Miss Catherine Olson, whose people came to this county about 1856. Two of her brothers are still living: William, a resident of Des Moines; and John, who is in Oklahoma. Mrs. Templin died October 6, 1891, at the age of fifty-six years, and of her seven children four daughters and one son survive. In order of birth the children were as follows: Ida M., now the wife of W. R. Vernon, of Julesburg, Colorado; Mellie, the wife of Jacob Odendahl, of Des Moines; Edward E., of Redfield, South Dakota, who is a farmer and married Mabel Jays; Annie, the wife of J. A. Benson, of Sheldon, Iowa; Jessie M., at home; Emma, who was the wife of G. William Rinehart and died February 21, 1889; and Willie, who died in infancy.

Captain Templin is a member of J. G. Miller Post, No. 67, G. A. R., of which he was the first commander, and since that time he has held various other offices in the organization. For the past ten years he has acted as quartermaster. At one time he belonged to the Independent Order of Odd Fellows. His religious faith is that of the Methodist Episcopal church. Captain Templin is widely known in this county, where he has now made his home for fifty-nine years. He has not only been an interested witness of the great changes which have occurred but has taken an active and helpful part in promoting them, and his influence and aid have ever been on the side of progress and improvement. He has now passed the eighty-first milestone on life's journey and his is a creditable record, not the least important feature of which has been his life-long fidelity to his country and her best interests, his spirit of patriotism being one of his predominant characteristics.

CLINTON STAPLES MASON.

A merchant may do much to promote the growth of his community and may serve it in many ways if he be energetic enough to make use of the opportunities that present themselves. Such a merchant was Clinton Staples Mason, who with his brother, Charles T. Mason, for many years conducted a general dry-goods store at Boone under the name of Mason Brothers. No firm in this section of the state enjoyed a higher reputation than Mason Brothers, as their stock of goods was always up-to-date and varied. It was also, first of all, of

excellent quality, for the brothers made it the basic principle of business that full value should be given for value received. Our subject was born in Tamworth, New Hampshire, on the 28th of October, 1843, a son of Larkin D. and Catherine (Staples) Mason. The father was prominent in public affairs in his section of the state, being active in politics, a merchant and a judge. He was also a landowner and gave his personal attention to the operation of his farm. He was twice married, two children being born to the first union and ten to the second. Of the children born to the last marriage, two, our subject and his brother Charles T., came to Boone county.

Clinton S. Mason received the advantages of a high-school education in his native state and there secured his first business experience. He was for two years a clerk for William H. Bailey, a merchant of Littleton, New Hampshire, and he was subsequently employed for a similar length of time by C. H. Dearborn at Center Harbor, New Hampshire. He had heard much concerning the advantages of the West and made his way to Chicago, where he started a grocery store, conducting the same for one year. He then disposed of this property and with his brother, Charles T. Mason, went to Moingona, Iowa, then a thriving mining town. The brothers engaged in a mercantile enterprise at that place for five years. They kept a general stock of merchandise, meeting the varied needs of the community. At the end of that time, as the mines were being abandoned, our subject and his brother saw that Moingona no longer offered the same opportunities for commercial success. They recognized that Boone was a town with a future and opened a retail dry-goods store in this city. With their usual foresight they secured the best location in the city at the beginning and for thirty-five years carried on a flourishing retail business at that point. Their name was known throughout this section of the state, and their trade came from a wide extent of territory. It was not alone the excellence of their goods that attracted custom but also the willingness to serve that was the actuating spirit of the house. They builded upon the principle of absolute honesty in all their dealings, and the wisdom of their policy was shown by the fact that for thirty-five years they held a place of supremacy in their line. Both Mr. Mason and his brother, Charles T., invested in land, thus becoming still further identified with the interests of Boone county. Both are now living practically retired, enjoying a rest which is well deserved, as for many years they contributed much to the prosperity of their city and county.

Mr. Mason married Mrs. Annette Curry Noyes, widow of Captain Samuel B. Noyes, and they became the parents of four children. Arthur Larkin was born in 1873 and died in 1874. Howard Curry Mason was born on the 3d of September, 1875, and passed away on the 7th of September, 1912. He left a widow, Mrs. Lilian T. Mason, and three children, all of whom reside in Winchester, Massachusetts. The children are: Annette E.; Clinton Staples, Jr.; and Frances Bell, II. Frances Bell Mason, whose birth occurred on the 26th of June, 1877, is an alumna of Wellesley College and of the Pratt Institute of Brooklyn. She is now a teacher of art in St. Louis. Catherine Staples was born on the 6th of November, 1879, and has been twice married, her first husband being Harold J. Copeland, who met death in an accident. His widow later married Professor Robert H. Fernald, of the mechanical engineering department of the University

of Pennsylvania. Two children have been born to this marriage, Merritt Caldwell and Frances Mason.

Mr. Mason of this review is a republican in politics, believing that the policies of that party are for the good of the country. He is one of the most gifted orators of this section of the state and has delivered some memorable addresses both on political issues and on other topics. He attends the Presbyterian church and contributes to its support. His life has been one of unusual openness and candor and none has ever questioned his integrity. He is today enjoying the ease which his former years of strenuous activity made possible and is secure in the esteem and good-will of his fellow citizens.

JOSEPH E. REUTTER.

Joseph E. Reutter has long been actively and successfully identified with agricultural interests of Boone county, owning and operating a well improved farm comprising one hundred and sixty acres on section 27, Grant township. He is likewise a factor in financial circles as president of the Farmers State Bank of Boxholm. His birth occurred in Henry county, Illinois, in February, 1870, his parents being Jacob and Hannah (Metzger) Reutter, natives of Wurtemberg, Germany. In 1866 they crossed the Atlantic to the United States and took up their abode in Henry county, Illinois, where the father followed farming for five years. On the expiration of that period he came to Boone county, Iowa, purchasing and improving a tract of land in Grant township and continuing its cultivation for a number of years. Eventually he put aside the active work of the fields, having acquired a comfortable competence that obviated the necessity of further toil. He made several trips to Germany and spent the winter seasons in California. His demise occurred in September, 1910, while his wife was called to her final rest in April, 1905.

Joseph E. Reutter was reared and educated in Grant township, this county, continuing under the parental roof until he had attained his majority. Subsequently he cultivated rented land for about six years and at the end of that time bought a tract of one hundred and sixty acres on section 27, Grant township, which he at once began improving and which he has operated continuously since with the exception of three years spent as cashier of the Farmers Bank. His property is now under a high state of cultivation, returning bounteous harvests as a result of the care and labor bestowed upon it. Mr. Reutter also occupies a prominent position in financial circles as president of the Farmers State Bank of Boxholm and is likewise a stockholder and director of the Farmers Elevator Company of that town.

In November, 1898, Mr. Reutter was united in marriage to Miss Minerva Muench, a daughter of Jacob and Catherine (Bubb) Muench, who were natives of Pennsylvania. The father was a mason by trade and at an early day made his way to Illinois, where he remained until 1881, when he removed with his family to Boone county, Iowa, purchasing land in Grant township which he carefully tilled and developed for many years, winning success in his undertaking. He then retired from active business life and removed to Pilot Mound, where

he made his home until his death, which occurred on the 23d of December, 1907. His widow still survives and is yet living at Pilot Mound. Unto Mr. and Mrs. Reutter have been born four children, namely: Ralph, Clarence, Elliott and Mabel.

In his political views Mr. Reutter is a progressive, stanchly advocating the principles set forth by Theodore Roosevelt at the time of the birth of the new party. He is at present serving in the capacity of township clerk and has ably discharged the duties devolving upon him in that connection for sixteen years. His religious faith is that of the Evangelical Association. Having resided in Boone county throughout practically his entire life, he is well and favorably known here and his record is such as commends him to the respect and good-will of all with whom he is associated.

JOHN NELSON ROSS.

John Nelson Ross, who follows farming on section 13, Des Moines township, was born in Champaign county, Ohio, November 15, 1848. His paternal grandfather, John William Ross, was a native of Scotland but decided to establish his home in the new world and spent his last days either in Pennsylvania or Ohio. His son, John Williamson Ross, father of John Nelson Ross, was born in Ohio, near Cincinnati, following the removal of his parents from Pennsylvania. The grandparents of our subject were among the early settlers of Ohio and members of the family fought in the Indian wars, while one Captain John Ross was a soldier in the Revolutionary war. John W. Ross developed a farm in the northern part of Champaign county, Ohio, where he had one hundred and twenty acres of land. All around him were Indians and wild animals haunted the forests, while wild game of all kinds was plentiful. With a comrade, Sol. Remley, he left Cincinnati and on horseback made his way northward to Champaign county, where they purchased and built log houses upon their farms, which adjoined. Mr. Ross then returned to Cincinnati, where he was married, after which he took his bride to the home which he had prepared. Remley also did the same, and they reared their families in Champaign county. Unto Mr. and Mrs. Ross were born twelve children, of whom our subject was the sixth in order in birth. Eight of the children are still living, the youngest being fifty-six years of age. The oldest, Marcellus D., was a member of the First Ohio Volunteer Infantry from 1861 until 1865 and was wounded in the leg at the battle of Chickamauga, while serving under General Rosecrans. The mother of our subject bore the maiden name of Christina Wambaugh and was a native of Pennsylvania.

On the old family homestead in Champaign county, Ohio, John N. Ross was reared and in the pursuit of his education he attended the public schools and also a normal school in St. Paris, Ohio. He continued his education after arriving in Iowa and was graduated from the Boone County Normal School with the class of 1889 under Superintendent Ashton. When twenty years of age he began teaching in the rural schools of the Buckeye state. In 1870 he removed to Boone, Iowa, where he began teaching under Superintendent L. W. Fisk and was actively identified with the educational interests of the city until 1894. Within that period, about the year 1890, he was a candidate for the position of county superintend-



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ent of schools. For the past twenty-five years he has written for the local papers, thus further identifying himself with the life of the community.

In 1872, in Boone county, Mr. Ross was united in marriage to Miss Esther Ann Smith, a daughter of Charles H. and Margaret Rebecca (Paxton) Smith, who were early settlers of Coshocton county, Ohio. The Paxtons came from Ireland. In 1854 Mr. Smith removed with his family by wagon to the west, settling in Boone county. Following his marriage Mr. Ross settled upon a farm but continued to engage in school teaching. Through the summer months he would cultivate his farm until his boys were old enough to work, after which he taught through both the summer and winter months. Unto Mr. and Mrs. Ross were born seven children: Euphemia, now the wife of J. W. Cutler of Boone county; Charles H., who married Laura Bass and is living on the home farm; John W., who married Maggie Otterbein and is residing in Boone; Walter C., who married Grace Bass and is living in Estherville, Iowa; Francis Mahlon, who married Ada Wilson and lives in Des Moines township, Boone county; Mabel E., the wife of R. J. Stark of Grant township, Boone county; and Otto Glenn, who married Bessie May Pardee and lives in Des Moines township, Boone county.

John N. Ross and family are members of the Methodist Episcopal church, identified with Bethel Chapel. Mr. Ross has been very active in church work for a long period, having been class leader and a teacher of the Bible class. He has been lifelong republican since casting his first presidential vote for U. S. Grant, and for sixteen years he has filled the office of assessor. Fraternally he is a Woodman of the World, having been connected with the camp for sixteen years. His interests are broad and varied, and his is a well rounded character because of the nature of his activities, which have recognized not only his opportunities for attaining success but also his obligations in citizenship and his duties to his fellowmen.

LOUIS GOEPPINGER.

For many years Louis Goeppinger has in various ways participated in the development of Boone, of which city he is a pioneer. Here he founded what is now the oldest saddlery firm in the state and also participated in other enterprises which contributed to the upbuilding of the city. Mr. Goeppinger was born in Reutlingen, Wurtemberg, Germany, on the 9th of June, 1829, and was the second child of Johannes and Katharine (Ammer) Goeppinger. During the period of his boyhood he acquired a good education in the schools of Germany and then took up the tanner's trade, an occupation that had been followed by his ancestors for more than three centuries.

The reports which he heard concerning the opportunities of the new world, however, attracted him to America and in the spring of 1849, accompanied by his brother Frederick, he sailed for the United States, landing at New York on the 10th of April, after forty-nine days spent as a passenger upon the sailing vessel *Luconia*. This length of time for the crossing was in marked contrast to the voyage which he made in 1896, when he returned on a visit to his old home in Germany, taking passage on the *Columbia*, of the Hamburg-American line,

which made the trip in six days. On first coming to America Louis Goeppinger made his way to Dauphin, Pennsylvania, where he remained for six months, and then went to Allegheny City, that state, where he followed his trade for some time. He carefully saved his earnings until economy and industry had brought him sufficient capital to enable him to embark in business on his own account. He then went to Malvern, Ohio, where he opened a tannery, which he conducted successfully until 1866. He then disposed of his plant at that place and removed to Boone, Iowa, where he opened a leather store in a modest frame building with a small stock of goods, conducting the business under the style of L. & H. Goeppinger, which name has ever since been used. This is the oldest saddlery firm in the state and its business has been one of growing importance, bringing to the owners a most gratifying return. Mr. Goeppinger is one of the pioneer residents of Boone and when he arrived here he could buy land at his own price. The town was very small and for hundred of miles around and to the west there stretched a vast sea of billowy green—the waving prairie grasses. He saw lots sold on Story street, now the principal business thoroughfare of Boone, at two hundred and twenty-five dollars each, while today some of the same lots would bring ten thousand dollars. From the time of his arrival he took active and helpful part in the development and upbuilding of the city and for many years figured as one of its most prominent business men. He was one of the first stockholders in the City Bank and for many years was its vice president and later president. His firm built the first three-front, substantial business block on Story street, and he was otherwise connected with the improvement of real estate. He also aided in building the German Lutheran church and for many years has been one of its consistent and helpful members. On April 1, 1912, he was elected city trustee.

It was on the 19th of July, 1857, at Malvern, Ohio, that Louis Goeppinger was united in marriage to Miss Catharine LeBeau, who was born at that place February 10, 1840, a daughter of Charles LeBeau, a native of Landau, Germany, who, emigrating to Ohio, there carried on the cooper's trade until his death at the age of seventy-five years. Mr. Goeppinger was for many years a member of the school board of Boone, and the cause of education always found in him a friend. To his children he gave good opportunities in that direction.

John L. Goeppinger, their son, is today at the head of the saddlery business in Boone. He is a man of strong purpose, alert and energetic, and his success has come to him as the merited reward of intelligently directed effort. He was born in Malvern, Ohio, June 5, 1862, and removed with his parents to Boone, being graduated from the Boone high school at the age of nineteen years. He was the only male member of the first class to complete the course. He afterward became a student in Duff's College at Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, and was graduated therefrom in 1881. He next entered into active connection with the wholesale leather and saddlery business which was established by his father and uncle and with which he has since been connected. This is today one of the most important business enterprises of the city and under the guidance of John L. Goeppinger it has grown and developed to its present extensive and profitable proportions. It is true that he entered upon a business already established, but in conducting this he has met the changing conditions of the times and proven his ability to cope with the problems that a different age has brought. He, too,

has become an active factor in financial circles. He was one of the organizers of the Security Savings Bank, of which he remains a director, and he was one of the organizers of the City Trust & Savings Bank, of which he is also a director. He owns large real-estate interests, including both farm land and city property, and in all of his business affairs he displays sound judgment, unfaltering energy and marked persistency of purpose. His life has ever been one of usefulness and well directed activity. In company with his father and others, constituting a party of six, he went to Wurtemberg, Germany, and other parts of Europe. This proved a most delightful experience in his life.

On the 24th of June, 1896, John L. Goeppinger was united in marriage to Miss Ella Groetzinger, a daughter of Julius and Elizabeth (Shauwecker) Groetzinger, the wedding being celebrated at Allegheny City, Pennsylvania. Her father was a native of Reutlingen, Germany, born February 6, 1831, and is still living. Her mother, born July 31, 1837, at Columbiana, Ohio, died March 29, 1890, at the age of about fifty-three. John L. Goeppinger's marriage has been blessed with the birth of five children: Julius Louis, born May 9, 1898; Alfred Henry, born December 25, 1899; Katharine Louise, born January 2, 1902; Helen Elizabeth, born March 8, 1908; and Walter William, born September 11, 1911. Mr. and Mrs. Goeppinger are members of the Evangelical Lutheran church. They take a very active and prominent part in the church work. Mr. Goeppinger gives his political allegiance to the republican party but has found little time to fill public office and, in fact, has always preferred to leave that duty to others. In matters of citizenship, however, he is never remiss and has cooperated largely in many measures relating to the public good. He has served as one of the trustees of the Public Library, for ten years has been a member of the school board and for two terms was its president. Few men have done as much to advance the interests of education in Boone. His life has, indeed, been fruitful of good along many lines and all who know him entertain for him the highest regard by reason of what he has accomplished and the honorable methods which he has pursued in every relation of life.

GEORGE DANIEL THROCKMORTON.

George Daniel Throckmorton, owning and operating a good farm of eighty acres on section 19, Jackson township, was born on the 22d of May, 1862, in the town of Waynesburg, Greene county, Pennsylvania, which county was the home of the family for many years. There his father, Daniel Throckmorton, was born in 1817 and on reaching manhood engaged in farming in that county until 1869, when he brought his family to Iowa, locating upon a farm of one hundred and twenty acres in Douglas township, Boone county. He was not long permitted to enjoy his new home, however, for he passed away in 1872. He was a faithful member of the Methodist Episcopal church and a democrat in politics. While a resident of the Keystone state he held several county offices. In early life he married Nancy Ely, a native of Washington county, Pennsylvania, who is still living at the advanced age of ninety-four years and now makes her home in Luther. They had seven children, namely: Jonas E., who married

Emeline Sellers and who is a resident of Sumner county, Kansas; Joseph, who married Lizzie Myers and died in Boone county; Caroline, the wife of Oliver Patterson of Colfax township, this county; James, who died in infancy; Lizzie, who first married Hartford Moss and after his death wedded John Elliott and lives in Luther; Charles H., who married Lois Worbas and makes his home in Guthrie; and George Daniel, whose name introduces this sketch.

George Daniel Throckmorton was only about six years of age when the family removed to Boone county, and in Douglas township he grew to manhood. He attended the public schools near his home, but at the age of seventeen laid aside his text-books in order to give his entire attention to the cultivation of the home farm, as his father had died when he was only ten years old. He was married January 11, 1887, to Miss Viola May Roderick, by whom he has two children: Eva M., now the wife of George L. Adix, of Jackson township; and Forest Cecil, who was born September 20, 1893, and is at home. For two years after his marriage Mr. Throckmorton resided upon the old family homestead, but at the end of that time removed to his present place on section 19, Jackson township, where he is successfully operating eighty acres. The republican party finds in Mr. Throckmorton a stanch supporter of its principles, and his wife is a member of the Christian church.

JOHN A. BURNSIDE.

The late John A. Burnside, father of Arthur M. Burnside of Boone, was for a number of years a resident of this state, although he spent his youth and earlier life in Ohio and also closed his career in that state. He was born in Muskingum county, Ohio, in December, 1845, and was a son of Christopher and Ann J. (Miller) Burnside, both of Scotch extraction, although they were natives of the north of Ireland, whence they came as young people to America. Their marriage took place in Zanesville, Ohio. Christopher Burnside followed agricultural pursuits and both parents resided there until their demise.

John A. Burnside was the eldest of three sons and one daughter, all of whom are deceased. He was reared and educated in Muskingum county and after marrying there went, in 1869, to Ames, Iowa. Two years later he removed to Mills county, which was his home for four years. He then returned to Ohio, which state remained his residence until he passed away on September 14, 1883, near Adamsville, Muskingum county. In 1885 Mrs. Burnside returned to Iowa, locating on a farm near Ogden, which was her home until 1898. When her son, A. M. Burnside, was elected auditor of Boone county she removed to Boone and has since made her home with him.

In March, 1869, John A. Burnside married Miss Margaret P. Smyth, who was born near Zanesville, Ohio, a daughter of George and Mary (Lee) Smyth, the former of Scotch-Irish extraction, born in the north of Ireland. Mrs. Smyth was of the same stock, but a native of Pennsylvania. Both parents died in Ohio. In their family were eleven children, of whom two daughters besides Mrs. Burnside are now living. Mr. and Mrs. Burnside were the parents of one son and three daughters: Arthur M., who is mentioned elsewhere in this work; Mrs. J.

J. McGregor, of South Dakota, who has two children, John Lowell and Margaret M.; Mrs. E. E. Beatty, who resides near Grand Junction, Iowa, and has one son, Homer Burnside; and Mrs. Webb Patterson, of West Boone, who is the mother of one daughter, Mary Priscilla.

John A. Burnside always gave his allegiance to the republican party. He served as a member of the Home Guards and held various offices in the localities in which he resided. His religious faith was that of the Presbyterian church, and he always attended its services. Mrs. Burnside is a member of the Methodist Episcopal church of Boone and interested in its work. She belongs to the Hawthorne Club and the Women's Christian Temperance Union. She is one of the best beloved women of Boone, in the moral, intellectual and religious progress of which city she has taken a helpful interest.

SAMUEL S. POWERS.

Agricultural interests find a worthy representative in Samuel S. Powers, who owns three valuable farms, one comprising one hundred and sixty-four acres on section 18, Beaver township, while the second of one hundred and sixty acres is a part of the old home place on section 28, Amaqua township. His third property, upon which he now resides, is an excellent farm of two hundred and eighty acres, lying on sections 28 and 33, Amaqua township. This is one of the best improved places of the county and forms a most attractive feature in the landscape. Mr. Powers well deserves the reputation which he has earned of being a leading farmer of this section of the state. He was born June 11, 1855, in Illinois, his parents being William and Susan (Cline) Powers, the former a native of Pennsylvania and the latter of Washington county, Maryland. The father was reared in Maryland and there learned the miller's trade, which he followed through the period of his boyhood and early manhood. In 1854 he went to Illinois and purchased land in Carroll county, that state, and also in Ogle county. He improved his property and resided thereon until 1875, when he came to Boone county and made investment in five hundred and sixty acres in Amaqua township. This he also developed, bringing his fields to a high state of cultivation, and he continued to operate his land for a long period. Finally, however, content with the success that he had already achieved, he retired from active life and removed to Beaver, where he resided until the death of his wife in 1900. He afterward made his home among his children until his own demise, which occurred in 1903. Mr. and Mrs. Powers were people of the highest respectability and enjoyed the warm regard and enduring friendship of many with whom they came in contact.

Samuel S. Powers was reared and educated in Illinois and remained with his parents upon the home farm until he reached the age of twenty-six years. His boyhood was devoted to the acquirement of a public-school education and to the work of the fields, for at an early age he began assisting his father in farm work. His training was of a practical kind, that brought him the experience that has constituted the broad and substantial foundation upon which he has built his later success. Leaving home at the age of twenty-six years, he purchased two hundred and eighty acres of land on sections 28 and 33, Amaqua township,

and began the further development of the farm which is now his home. The result of his labors is seen in the excellent appearance of the place, for he has today one of the finest improved farms in the county. Laudable ambition has ever actuated him in his business career, and from time to time he has added to his holdings, which now include one hundred and sixty-four acres on section 18, Beaver township, and a quarter section in Amaqua township, which is a part of the old homestead. He raises full-blooded Chester White hogs and red polled Durham cattle, and his live stock interests are an important and profitable branch of his business.

In January, 1882, Mr. Powers was united in marriage to Miss Susan K. Gilbert, a daughter of Daniel and Elizabeth (Hardnock) Gilbert, who were natives of Washington county, Maryland. The father went to Ogle county, Illinois, at an early day and there engaged in farming, securing land which he cultivated throughout the remainder of his life. He passed away March 25, 1905, and his wife died on the 24th of December, 1907. Mr. and Mrs. Powers had a family of six children: Albert L., who died on the 7th of December, 1884; Samuel A., who is operating his father's farm in Beaver township; Elmer G., who is cultivating one of his father's farms in Amaqua township; and Walter W., Lizzie and Daniel I., all at home. In his political views Mr. Powers is an earnest republican. He has never sought nor desired office, however, but has preferred to concentrate his energies upon business affairs. He has acted as school director in his township, and the cause of education and of religion find in him a stalwart champion. He belongs to the Brethren church, of which he is treasurer, and he is president of the Cemetery Association. He is regarded as a public-spirited citizen, and his influence is always on the side of progress, reform and improvement.

AMAZIAH M. SHAEFFER.

Among the veterans of the Civil war residing in Boone county is Amaziah M. Shaeffer, who is also numbered among the early settlers of this section of the state. He has been active along many lines of life which have contributed to the public welfare as well as to individual success. For many years he held political office, and he has been equally active in church work so that his labors have been far-reaching and beneficial. He has been a resident of Iowa since 1855, at which time he settled in Boonesboro, and he was born in White county, Indiana, near Delphi, January 26, 1843. His paternal grandfather, John Shaeffer, was a native of Germany, it is believed. However, in early life he lived in Pennsylvania and thence removed to Ohio. He served as a soldier in the Mexican war and died in White county, Indiana. His son, Peter Shaeffer, was born in Pennsylvania and when quite young was taken by his parents to Muskingum county, Ohio, where he lived to the age of eighteen years, and then removed to White county, Indiana. He wedded Nancy Merriman and in 1855 they left the Hoosier state for Iowa, settling in Boone county, where the father died at the age of fifty-seven years. He had long survived his wife, who passed away in this



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county at the age of thirty-three years. He married again, his second wife being Martha Price, who passed away in West, Iowa. Seven children were born to Peter Shaeffer, as follows: John R., who enlisted for service in the Civil war with the Forty-sixth Indiana Volunteer Infantry and was killed at the battle of Champion's Hill; Tillmann H., a resident of Hotchkiss, Colorado; Amaziah M.; Jasper, living in Oklahoma; Newton, whose home is in Marshalltown, Iowa; William, deceased; and George W., who makes his home in Fraser, this county.

Amaziah M. Shaeffer was reared to the age of twelve years in the place of his nativity and then became a resident of Iowa. He is indebted to the public-school systems of Indiana and of this state for the educational privileges he enjoyed. On the 28th of February, 1862, he enlisted in Boonesboro as a Union soldier, becoming a private of Company K, Sixteenth Iowa Volunteer Infantry, for three years, or during the war. On the 18th of March, 1864, he veteranized and was honorably discharged at Goldsboro, North Carolina, on the 28th of March, 1865. His first captain, Michael Zetter, was killed at Shiloh. His next captain was Jesse Lucas, Alexander Weingardner being first lieutenant, while Colonel Alexander Chambers commanded the regiment. Mr. Shaeffer participated in many of the most important battles of the war, including the engagement at Shiloh, the siege of Corinth, the battle of Iuka, the siege of Vicksburg, the Meridian raid, the battles of Kenesaw Mountain, Nicajack Creek, Chattahoochee river, Atlanta, and the celebrated march to the sea under Sherman. Later he was on detached duty for a time in a hospital at Atlanta and afterward participated in the battles of Savannah, Pocatigo, Cambechee river, Orangeburg, North Edisto river, Fayetteville and Bentonville. He then proceeded to Goldsboro with his command and was there honorably discharged.

Following his return home Mr. Shaeffer recuperated and then took up active farm work, purchasing eighty acres of land in Hamilton county, Iowa, where he lived for two years. He then came to Boone county, settling in Dodge township, where he purchased two hundred and forty acres. There he carried on farming for sixteen years, after which he sold that property and invested in one hundred and sixty acres, upon which he lived for seven years. Later he disposed of that farm and bought eighty acres a mile east of Boone, which he improved. In 1906 he once more sold out and, retiring from active farm life, took up his residence in Boone, where he now makes his home. He has greatly improved all of these different properties and has thus added to the agricultural progress of the county. He now owns one hundred and sixty acres of land in Potter county, South Dakota. His life has been a busy, useful and active one, and his labors have brought to him a measure of success which now numbers him among the men of affluence in his section of the state.

Mr. Shaeffer was married in Boone county, December 31, 1865, to Miss Dorothy Getzman, of this county, a daughter of Barnhart and Mary Getzman. Six children were born to Mr. and Mrs. Shaeffer as follows: Leora M., who died in September, 1878, when twelve years of age; Lafayette M., who passed away in July, 1878, at the age of ten; Samuel R., whose death occurred in 1898 when he was twenty years of age; Maggie L., who married George Shafer and who departed this life in 1910; Elsie who became the wife of William Phipps of Idaho; and Russell G., who married Juanita Sifford and lives at New Hartford, Iowa.

Mr. Shaeffer belongs to C. W. Crooks Post, No. 329, G. A. R., of which he is the present commander, and through his association therewith he keeps in close touch with many of his old army comrades. He is also a member of the Methodist Episcopal church. High and honorable principles have guided him in all life's relations, molding his character and making him a man worthy the high regard and confidence of all with whom he has come in contact. While living in Dodge township he held office almost continuously, serving as road supervisor, as constable, justice of the peace and school director, and in all these positions he discharged his duties with promptness and fidelity. He has also been township trustee and as such managed well the interests committed to his care. He has been equally active in the church, serving as steward and as chairman of the building committee during the erection of the Bethel church, to which he was a generous contributor. He possesses an even disposition and kindly spirit and has been very popular among his fellow townsmen. He was considered one of the best farmers and stock-raisers in this section of the state and did much to promote agricultural activity and to raise the standards of farming. His life has indeed been one of far-reaching influence and benefit and has won for him a good name, which is rather to be chosen than great riches. Nevertheless he has gained a substantial measure of this world's goods, and his record proves that success and an honored name may be won simultaneously.

LLEWELLYN V. HARPEL.

Llewellyn V. Harpel is one of the most successful lawyers of Boone, being a member of the firm of Harpel & Cederquist, who do a very legal business. Mr. Harpel was born near East Liberty, Logan county, Ohio, and is a son of George and Minerva (Vernon) Harpel, the latter a lineal descendant of a Mr. Vernon who was one of the eleven Friends who came over to this country with William Penn. The paternal grandfather, George C. Harpel, was born in northern Germany and was brought by his parents to America when but one year old, the family locating in Pennsylvania. They later removed to Carroll county, Ohio, where the late George Harpel, father of our subject, was born. The latter served three years and eight months in the Civil war in an Ohio regiment. He married in 1866, locating first in Logan county, Ohio, and in 1870 removed to Polk county, Iowa, where he operated a farm until about four years before his death in 1908, having removed to Boone in 1904. He was loyal to the democratic party and was quite influential in its local councils in Polk county.

Llewellyn V. Harpel spent his early boyhood on a farm in Polk county, near Sheldahl. He subsequently pursued a scientific course at the Iowa State College, graduating as a Bachelor of Science in 1887. He studied law at Drake University of Des Moines and in 1890 was admitted to the bar. He at first entered the law offices of Kauffman & Guernsey, attorneys in Des Moines, and did office work for them as clerk and stenographer until January 1, 1891, gaining valuable experience while so engaged. He then entered the office of John Shortley of Perry, Iowa, working on a salary basis for eighteen months, and formed at the end of that period a partnership with Mr. Shortley, under the firm

name of Shortley & Harpel. On June 1, 1903, Mr. Harpel moved to Boone, succeeding Charles Whitaker in the firm of Whitaker & Cederquist. Later M. C. Creighton of Madrid was taken into the firm, the latter having charge of the branch office at that city. Upon his decease Mr. Cederquist took charge of the Madrid office, the firm now being Harpel & Cederquist. Mr. Harpel has all the qualities of which a lawyer may be proud. He has a clear, logical mind and an excellent memory, using both to advantage in presenting his arguments before court and jury. He has handled a number of important cases and has concluded most of them to the satisfaction of his clients. He moreover enjoys a high reputation as a counselor and is frequently called in consultation in regard to difficult legal problems.

On July 20, 1892, Llewellyn V. Harpel married Miss Kate Stevens, extended mention of whom follows. They have one son, Gates Harpel, who is a senior in the Iowa State College. Mr. Harpel of this review is a Master Mason and was the first master of the lodge at Boone to serve in the Champlain Memorial Masonic Temple. He is a Chapter Mason and a Knight Templar and also is a member of the Benevolent Protective Order of Elks, the Knights of Pythias, the Modern Woodmen of America and the Woodmen of the World, being very popular in all of these organizations. For about twelve years he was a democrat and within that period served as city solicitor of Perry. He then gave his allegiance to republicanism for about ten years and is now affiliated with the progressive party, being thoroughly in accord with the aims of that organization. He is a valuable, useful citizen who participates in all the movements which are undertaken in order to advance the interests of Boone city and Boone county.

KATE STEVENS HARPEL, M. D.

Mrs. Kate Stevens Harpel, the wife of Llewellyn V. Harpel, who is mentioned in the preceding sketch, is successfully engaged in medical practice in Boone. She was born near Springfield, in McHenry county, Illinois, on October 22, 1867, and is a daughter of Asher M. and Johanna (Chesley) Stevens. Her paternal grandmother, who in her maidenhood was Miss Julia Kellogg, was a granddaughter of an officer of the American Revolution and a member of the Kellogg family whose history in both this country and Great Britain has been so well written.

Mrs. Harpel of this review was but six months of age when her family removed to Cerro Gordo county, Iowa, later settling on a farm in Owen township, which is still owned by members of the family. Her mother died in 1878, leaving seven children, the youngest of whom was three years old. Kate, with an older sister, did the housework for the family, attending at the same time the district school. At the age of fifteen she went to Mason City for the purpose of attending high school, by permission of her family, but without means or assistance except that she had a place where she could work for her board and expenses. Despite this outside work she covered a double course in two years, graduating within that period from a four years' course and at the head of her class. She was immediately offered a position in the Mason City public schools and taught fifth

grade pupils until 1887, when she entered the Iowa State College, having saved the means to defray one year's expenses from her teaching. The other three years of her college course were cared for by what she was able to earn while teaching during the winters and by service as assistant college librarian. In 1890 she received the degree of Bachelor of Letters, ranking second in a class of forty-four. The college commencement being held in November, she taught the balance of the school year in the Marshalltown public schools and the next year acted as principal of the Webster City high school.

In July, 1892, Miss Stevens was united in marriage to Llewellyn V. Harpel, an attorney at law, and they lived in Perry for eleven years, then removing to Boone, their present home. Her only son, Gates, was born in 1893. During her residence in Perry she filled for six months a vacancy as high-school teacher and served for three years by popular election on the board of education, assisting in organizing the Wednesday Study Club, which is still in existence. Having received a doctor's degree from the medical department of Drake University, where she was matriculated, she began the regular practice of medicine in 1903 and has ever since been very successful as a physician. She is careful in diagnosis and has made few mistakes, if any. Many are those who have come to her and who have found relief by reason of her treatments. To her professional and home duties she has also added church work in the Universalist church and Sunday school and club work, being an organizer of the Outlook Club and serving for two years as its president. She is moreover active in the Political Equality Club, the Civic League and the Iowa Women's Medical Association and is a past commander of the Ladies of the Maccabees and a past worthy matron of the Eastern Star. Mrs. Harpel has been of utmost value to her community, being a leader in all movements which are undertaken for the betterment of mankind. She is a noble representative of American womanhood, and although she is active in so many public and semi-public capacities, she has not lost a particle of that sweet womanhood of which we all are so proud.

E. PETER DALANDER.

E. Peter Dalander is a native of Madrid and comes of an old pioneer family of Boone county which settled here in 1846 on land where Madrid now stands. Mr. Dalander has worthily carried forward the family traditions and stands high in the estimation of his fellow citizens. Since 1903 he has served as post-master, discharging his duties to the greatest satisfaction of the patrons of the office.

Mr. Dalander was born July 10, 1864, and has always been a resident of Madrid. His grandmother, Anna Dalander, secured the first deed to land in Boone county and the instrument is now preserved in the archives of the Madrid Historical Society. His parents were Eric and Eva E. (Swanson) Dalander, both natives of Sweden, the former born in 1814 and the latter in 1836. The father died in Madrid, January 29, 1893. He emigrated to America in 1846 and immediately located upon a farm which is now the site of Madrid. The



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mother came with her foster parents to America in 1846 and the family also located in Boone county.

In the Dalander family were the following children, all born and reared in Douglas township: John, a son of the father's first marriage, residing in Kansas; Mrs. Anna M. Nelson, of Madrid; Mrs. Clara Jacobson, deceased; Mrs. A. M. Sundberg, of Madrid; S. A., also of that city; Dr. C. A. Dalander, who was born July 11, 1869, and died in Des Moines, April 12, 1906; Z. W., born January 20, 1872, residing in Madrid; Minnie M., born January 19, 1876, residing with her mother; Clara, who died in infancy; and E. Peter, of this review.

The father entered land and at first followed farming, but later engaged in the milling business in Madrid, operating the first steam mill in that part of the country. Subsequently the family returned to the farm and the subject of this review there remained with his parents until he was twenty-one years of age. He received his earlier education in the public schools, rounding out his fundamental knowledge with a two years' academic course. After leaving the homestead he clerked in a drug store for some time and then conducted a similar establishment of his own for ten years, being very successful along that line. In 1903 he was appointed postmaster of Madrid and he has since held that position. He makes an excellent public servant and is popular with all who have transactions with his office.

Mr. Dalander, in 1892, married Miss Alma L. Anderson, who was born in Douglas township, June 4, 1866. There she was reared and she has remained a resident of Douglas township ever since. Her father, John Anderson, came to the township in the same party in which Mr. Dalander's parents arrived. He at first worked in Des Moines in order to secure sufficient capital to purchase a farm. For his second wife he married Carolina Nelson. Both were born in Sweden and died in Madrid. The father was a very successful farmer and stood high among his fellow citizens. He was supervisor of Boone county for a number of years and for twenty years served as assessor of Douglas township. By a former marriage he had five children and by the second union there were eight. All the thirteen children of Mr. Anderson were reared in Douglas township.

Mrs. Dalander received, in addition to a common-school education, musical training in Kansas, continuing her studies along that line in Shenandoah, Iowa. She is a proficient artist and well acquainted with musical lore. Mr. and Mrs. Dalander have four children, three daughters and a son: Martin S., who was born May 15, 1894, and after graduating from the Madrid high school took one year's work in the Midwestern Academy of Music, being at present in attendance at the Capital City Commercial College of Des Moines; Edna E., born in April, 1898, who is attending high school in Madrid; Helen, born in August, 1903; and Ruth, born August 27, 1908.

Mr. Dalander is an adherent of the republican party and has ever been loyal to the standards and principles of that organization. He is deeply interested in the cause of education and for fifteen years has done valuable service as member of the local school board. Both he and his wife belong to the Swedish Lutheran church of Madrid, to which they give their material and moral support. Mr. Dalander is a well informed man who forms valuable opinions on all matters

of public importance. His support is eagerly sought and he is ever ready to promote worthy enterprises of any kind. As a citizen he is of great value to Madrid and Boone county, considering no exertion on his part too great in order to promote progress. As an official he is courteous, affable, approachable and obliging.

NATHANIEL NOLAND.

Nathaniel Noland, deceased, was for a considerable period a well known farmer of Boone county. He was born in Highland county, Ohio, seventy-five years ago, a son of Benjamin and Elizabeth (Staley) Noland, who reared a large family. The father was a farmer by occupation and spent his last days in Iowa, whither he removed with his family during the childhood of his son Nathaniel.

The family home was established in Dallas county and later a removal was made to Boone county. In this state Nathaniel Noland was reared to manhood, sharing with the family in the usual experiences, hardships and privations of pioneer life. His education was obtained in one of the oldtime log schoolhouses when the methods of instruction were very primitive as compared with the advanced educational standards of the present day. School was held for only about three months in a year and throughout the remainder of the time Nathaniel Noland worked upon the home farm, early becoming familiar with all the duties and labors incident to the cultivation of the soil and the development of the crops.

As a young man Nathaniel Noland heard and answered the country's call for men, enlisting in Company D, Tenth Iowa Volunteer Infantry at Boone in 1861. He served throughout the war, participating in many battles and going with Sherman on the march to the sea. At the close of the war in 1865 he received his honorable discharge and returned to the life of a civilian.

On the 15th of March, 1866, in Peoples township, Mr. Noland was united in marriage to Miss Angeline Peoples. Her ancestor, John Peoples, was brought to the United States in childhood by his parents, the family home being established in Pennsylvania near Brownsville, where the grandfather of Mrs. Noland engaged in farming. John Peoples was quite old, being nearly eighty years of age, when he sought a new home in Coshocton county, Ohio, where he lived with his son William until the time of his death. He married Henrietta Jones, a native of Pennsylvania, in which state she died, leaving a large family. Their son, David Peoples, born in Pennsylvania, was educated in the district schools and married Lavina Peart, of New Jersey, a daughter of Thomas and Mary (Fisher) Peart. Lavina (Peart) Peoples died in September, 1886, at the age of seventy-eight years. The children of that family were: Melvina, who became the wife of Jesse Vernon and is deceased; Mary, who became the wife of Levi Colvin and has passed away; Amanda, who married William Tarr and is deceased; William, who was killed at the battle of Pleasant Hill, Louisiana, during the Civil war; Henrietta, who became the wife of Enos Rhodes and has passed away; Angeline, who married Nathaniel Noland; Sarah E., the wife of John W. Kirby of Boone; Ann Eliza, the wife of Luke Becket of Spencer, Iowa; and Rachel C., who married Miles Becket and is also deceased.

Following their marriage Mr. and Mrs. Nathaniel Noland settled on a prairie farm in Peoples township. He became the owner of a tract of eighty acres, which he brought to a high state of cultivation, carefully tilling the soil as the years passed on. He died May 9, 1886, and was laid to rest in a cemetery in Peoples township.

Unto Mr. and Mrs. Noland were born six children: Hallie L., now the wife of C. A. Steelsmith; William, who died in childhood; Levi C.; Fred P., who has departed this life; Clyde, a practicing physician in Ogden, Iowa; and Retta, at home. The death of the husband and father occurred May 9, 1886, and he was laid to rest in a cemetery in Peoples township. His political support was given to the republican party, but, while interested in the welfare of the community, he never desired public office. He sought the moral progress of the community as a member of the Methodist Episcopal church. His many sterling traits of character endeared him to all who knew him, and his upright life left to his family a memory that is cherished and which serves as an inspiration and a benediction to those who knew him.

AXEL WESTEEN.

Among the prosperous financial institutions of Boone county is the Farmers Savings Bank of Boxholm, of which Axel Westeen is the cashier. Much of the success of this enterprise is due to his initiative and able management, and he is conceded to be one of the best informed men in the county on financial matters, particularly as regards local conditions. Mr. Westeen was born in Webster county, Iowa, in March, 1870, and is a son of Olaf and Carrie (Olson) Westeen, natives of Sweden, who came to America in 1868 and located in Webster county, where the father was engaged in farming until 1882. He then came to Boone county and bought land in Grant township which he successfully operated until 1904, when he retired in the enjoyment of a competence and moved to Pilot Mound, where he now resides at the age of eighty-three years, his wife having passed away in April, 1913.

Axel Westeen was reared and educated in Webster and Boone counties and after completing his lessons worked on his father's farm and then learned the blacksmith's trade, conducting a shop and hardware store. For ten years he conducted an establishment of this kind on the farm and for fifteen years acted as postmaster, this being before the town of Boxholm had come into existence. Subsequently he entered the hardware business exclusively, conducting a store of that kind for eight years, and then went to Boone, where for two years he was employed by the Wheelock Hardware Company. In 1910 Mr. Westeen returned to Boxholm, acquiring an interest in the Farmers Bank, which was then a private concern owned by J. H. Roberts. In 1910 the bank was reorganized as the Farmers Savings Bank, the capital stock being ten thousand dollars. The present officers are: J. H. Roberts, president; O. L. Lidvall, vice president; and Axel Westeen, cashier. The directors include: M. J. Lundvall, J. H. Roberts, Alf. Sundberg, Axel Westeen and O. L. Lidvall. Mr. Westeen is proving himself an able financier and in the last few years has done much toward increasing the

business of the bank. He is careful and cautious as regards investments, and yet he is always ready to extend credit when suitable security is forthcoming. His advice is frequently sought upon matters relating to financial transactions, and he is ever ready and willing to accommodate those who seek his opinion.

On June 6, 1894, Mr. Westeen married Miss Nettie Sundberg, a daughter of Olaf and Anna Sundberg, natives of Sweden, who located in Boone county in 1866, Mr. Sundberg engaging in farming and coal mining. He died in 1884, but his widow yet resides on the Sundberg home farm in Grant township. Mr. and Mrs. Westeen have five children, Florence Edith, LeRoy J., Earl, Gladys and Dorothy, who are respectively eighteen, sixteen, thirteen, eight and three years of age.

Mr. Westeen has always taken a helpful part in all movements tending toward the improvement of his town and county. He is a democrat and loyal to the principles of his party. He has served as justice of the peace and at present fills the position of town clerk of Boxholm. His religious faith is that of the Swedish Mission church, and fraternally he is connected with the local lodges of the Masonic order and the Modern Woodmen of America. Mr. Westeen is one of the popular business men of Boxholm and in the social and business life of that town has many warm friends.

DESKIN W. CROUCH.

For a number of years Deskin W. Crouch has been engaged in farming in Pilot Mound township, owning a valuable property of one hundred and sixty acres. He was born in Missouri, October 12, 1873, and is a son of Samuel and Catherine (Gulick) Crouch, natives of Ohio. The parents went with their respective families to Illinois when children, and the father was reared and educated in that state, where he subsequently married. In 1867 he and his wife went to Missouri, where he bought land which he improved and operated until 1894. In that year he sold out and returned to Illinois, farming until he retired to Champaign, where he resided until his death, March 13, 1909. His widow is now living in Indiana.

Deskin W. Crouch was reared and educated in Missouri, remaining upon his father's farm until he reached his majority. His parents then removed to Illinois, where he and his father farmed together for two years, at the end of which time Mr. Crouch, of this review, followed agricultural pursuits in that state independently for one year. He then came to Boone county, where he rented land for a similar period, and subsequently acquired title to two hundred acres on section 31, Pilot Mound township. He has since, however, sold forty acres of this tract. His farm is in a good state of cultivation and its buildings are kept in excellent repair, the appearance of the property betraying the prosperity of the owner.

On September 27, 1900, Mr. Crouch married Miss Minnie M. Campbell, a daughter of James and Sarah (Cook) Campbell, who were born in Ohio. The father was a farmer by occupation and early in life went to Illinois, where he purchased land near Champaign, in the operation of which he passed the remainder of his life. He died in 1901, his wife having preceded him to the Great Beyond in 1884. Mr. and Mrs. Crouch were the parents of four children,

of whom one died in infancy. The others are James Robert, Roy C. and Marvin M., who are twelve, eight and six years of age respectively.

Mr. Crouch is interested in commercial as well as agricultural affairs, being a stockholder and director of the Pilot Mound Savings Bank and also holding stock in the Farmers Coöperative Company of Pilot Mound. His religion is that of the Presbyterian faith, and politically he is a republican. He has served for ten years as township trustee and still occupies that office, having done valuable work in promoting the development and advancement of his immediate locality and Boone county.

GEORGE LEWIS ADIX.

George Lewis Adix, proprietor of the Alfalfadale Farm of eighty acres on section 22, Jackson township, has spent practically his entire life in that township, where he was born and reared. His father, Franz Adix, was a native of Germany and was only three years old when his father died. At the age of fourteen Franz Adix came to the United States with his brother, L. W. Adix, and for many years was one of the leading farmers of Boone county. Here he was married to Miss Hannah Bauman of Boone, a daughter of Henry Bauman, and they became the parents of ten children, namely: Henry, who was born November 17, 1875, and was accidentally killed in a runaway April 21, 1908; William of Novato, California, who was born June 12, 1877, and married Ethel Hoffman; Mary, who was born November 24, 1878, and is now the wife of Allen Purdie of Boone; Francis, who was born February 25, 1880; George Lewis, of this review, who was born September 7, 1882; John, born February 24, 1884; Hannah, December 28, 1886; Elmer, February 1, 1889; Dora, October 12, 1892; and Hazel, July 3, 1894. The father, who was an earnest and consistent member of the German Lutheran church, died on his farm in Jackson township, March 8, 1908, highly esteemed by all who knew him, while the mother passed away May 13, 1903. They were laid to rest side by side in the Lynwood cemetery.

George L. Adix spent his boyhood and youth on the home farm in Jackson township and remained with his parents until his marriage. He attended the public schools, and it was the intention of his parents to send him to college and to fit him for the dental profession. At the age of nineteen, however, he gave up that idea and has since devoted his attention principally to agricultural pursuits. At the age of twenty-one he spent one year in California, visiting relatives the greater part of the time, and then went to Minnesota, where he had charge of land belonging to his father, who gave him power of attorney to administer his property. After the death of the father he was appointed administrator of the estate, which he ably managed. It was after his marriage that he located upon his present farm, which he purchased from Frank Nygren in 1911. This place is beautifully located six and one-half miles east of Boone and three miles from Jordan. Since it came into his possession he has made improvements thereon, and it is today in a high state of cultivation. Mr. Adix is a pioneer in the raising of alfalfa in this locality and has become quite an extensive stock-raiser, making a specialty of thoroughbred Chester White hogs. He now has upon his place

over one hundred and sixty head of hogs, which he feeds largely on alfalfa. He also has given considerable attention to the raising of Rhode Island Red poultry. He is one of the most progressive and up-to-date young farmers of Boone county and undoubtedly will meet with excellent success in his undertakings.

On the 21st of February, 1911, Mr. Adix was united in marriage to Miss Eva Myrtle Throckmorton of Jackson township, a daughter of George and Viola (Roderick) Throckmorton. She was born near Madrid, Boone county, and received her literary education in the public schools. She has given considerable attention to the study of music, pursuing that art at Simpson College for some time. After leaving school she taught the piano for two years. She is now organist in the Prairie Center church, and has taught a class in the Prairie Center Sunday school for ten years. However, she holds membership in the Christian church at Boone. Through her efforts and those of the class enough money was raised to buy a piano for the Sunday school. Since attaining his majority Mr. Adix has affiliated with the republican party and on that ticket was elected township clerk in 1912 for a term of two years, being now a candidate for reelection in 1914. He is a member of the Yeomen and is regarded as one of the leading citizens of the community.

JONATHAN BUECHLER.

Jonathan Buechler is living practically retired, his home being at Ridgeport, in Dodge township, where he has remained since 1858, in which year he built the house that he now occupies. He arrived in Boone county two years before and has lived at or near the village continuously since, covering almost sixty years. In the early days he engaged in merchandising for about a year and then traded his store for his farm. At one time between the years 1870 and 1875 he was the owner of about one thousand acres of land, but lost heavily through going security for friends and being forced to pay security debts. However, he has never lost the respect of his fellow townsmen, and the high regard in which he is uniformly held is a testimonial of the integrity and honor of his life. He was born in Pine Grove township, Schuylkill county, Pennsylvania, in 1831, a son of Henry and Abigail (Dollinger) Buechler. The maternal grandfather, John Dollinger, was a Revolutionary soldier, serving for seven years in that long conflict which brought independence to the American people. Henry Buechler was but three days the senior of his wife. The latter was born on shipboard and the former in Schuylkill county, Pennsylvania, June 10, 1791. Mr. Buechler spent his last days in Wayne county, Iowa, where he departed this life March 14, 1872, at the age of almost eighty-one years. His wife, whose natal day was June 13, 1791, passed away at the age of sixty-five years. He was a Lutheran in religious faith, while Mrs. Buechler was a believer in the Presbyterian doctrines.

In their family were ten children, of whom Jonathan Buechler was the ninth in order of birth and is the only one now living. In 1844 the family removed to Tippecanoe county, Indiana, and the father purchased a farm on Sugar creek, two miles from Americus. He was a man of considerable wealth for those days



MR. AND MRS. JONATHAN BUECHLER

and Jonathan Buechler had some opportunities, therefore, which were denied other lads of the period. He attended school in Germantown after beginning his education and the schools of Preble county, Ohio. Subsequently he engaged in teaching in Indiana, having charge of a subscription school, his remuneration being sixty dollars per quarter, and he boarded himself. He taught for two terms and for two years he engaged in farming in Indiana along the Wabash river, raising one hundred and ten bushels of corn to the acre. The soil was comparatively new to cultivation and responded readily to the care and labor bestowed upon it.

In September, 1853, Mr. Buechler was united in marriage to Miss Martha Ann Miller, a daughter of Rev. David Miller, who in 1854 came to Boone county and purchased five hundred acres of land, largely covered with timber, at two and a half to three and a half dollars per acre. Mrs. Buechler departed this life August 11, 1889, when fifty-five years of age, and was survived by ten children. Those still living are: Mary, now the wife of James Martin, a lawyer of Fort Dodge, Iowa; Emma, the wife of Henry Ferguson of Boone; Eva, the wife of Clell Jennings of Dodge township; Lizzie, the wife of Frank Peterson, a farmer of Dodge township; George, a prominent and successful farmer living near Ridgeport; and Charles, who for forty-eight terms engaged in teaching school and is now a painter and paper hanger of Boone. He is married and has two living children. After having lost his first wife Mr. Buechler wedded Mrs. Nancy Stotts, nee Vernon, on Thanksgiving day, the 26th of November, 1891. She was born in Muskingum county, Ohio, a daughter of Allen and Elizabeth (Hague) Vernon, the latter of Quaker parentage, while the former was of English birth. Both died when Mrs. Buechler was a young child. She was married in Ohio to Chistal Stotts, and they removed to Boone county about 1856, since which time she has made her home within its borders. Mr. Stotts was a farmer and owned a good tract of land in Dodge township, where he made his home until his death in 1884. Unto him and his wife were born six children, of whom four sons and one daughter are yet living, namely: Frank, Eddie, Oscar, Mrs. Anetta Garrett and John.

It was in 1853 that Jonathan Buechler came to Iowa. He settled at Bennington, on the Iowa river, and there engaged in selling goods for a year or two. In 1854 he came to Boone county, where he entered government land, which he improved, making his home thereon for a few years. He afterward traded for another tract and a farm in Indiana and ultimately traded that property for a store at Ridgeport, where he carried on commercial pursuits for several years. At different times he has made many deals for various properties and in placing his investments has displayed sound judgment. He has dealt quite extensively in farm, town and city property and has also given supervision to the cultivation and improvement of his land. He is by trade a fine stone and brick mason and has assisted in the erection of many business blocks and other buildings at Boone and elsewhere in the county. He has aided in the erection of eighteen different churches and also the county farm buildings. His life has been one of intense and well directed activity, and the years have brought him a success which is very gratifying.

Politically Mr. Buechler was reared in the democratic faith, but has voted the republican ticket since the Civil war. He was in hearty sympathy with the

Union cause and the governmental policy and three times he volunteered his services, but did not get to enlist, twice on account of the company being filled and once because of an injury which he had sustained in his foot in his youth. Socially Mr. Buechler is a Mason, belonging to Boone Lodge No. 79, A. F. & A. M., which he joined in 1867. He and his wife are members of the Free-will Baptist church at Ridgeport. He has served as notary public and as justice of the peace, and he was deputy postmaster under Allen T. Silver and others for several years at Ridgeport, but the postoffice there was discontinued July 1, 1913. He has also been deputy sheriff. Mr. Buechler recalls the Indian days and many thrilling adventures during his travels over many parts of Iowa and other states. While returning from Indiana to Iowa with a large amount of gold, he and a companion were held up near Marengo, Iowa, by four robbers. The two men were put to bed on the floor, each between two of the robbers, but at a preconcerted signal they fought their way out, mounted their horses and made their escape. They had managed to retain their arms, his companion having a revolver, while Mr. Buechler had a bowie knife. Other incidents almost as exciting featured in his life in the early days, but he has lived to see many changes, as law and order have been established and as the work of civilization and development has been carried forward, and as one of the pioneer settlers of the county he well deserves mention in this volume.

ELMER CROUTHAMEL.

Elmer Crouthamel, who owns and successfully operates a fine farm of three hundred and twenty acres in Dodge township, has spent his entire life in Boone county, with the exception of one year devoted to farming in Plymouth county, this state. He was born on the 27th of June, 1872, on the old family homestead on section 32, Dodge township, and is a son of Jonas and Elizabeth (Yost) Crouthamel, both of whom were natives of Bucks county, Pennsylvania, the father born in Bedminster township in 1833 and the mother in Hilltown township. The parents were married in 1857 and to them were born three sons and one daughter: Isaiah and Remantus, both residents of Boone; Elmer, of this review; and Elmina, the wife of Polas Hoeke, a farmer of Palo Alto county, Iowa. During his boyhood the father learned the stonemason's trade, which he followed continuously until coming to this county in 1866, when he turned his attention to farming. He has lived here continuously since, with the exception of one year spent in Illinois. He survives his wife, who died on the 4th of April, 1914.

Upon the home farm Elmer Crouthamel early became familiar with all the labors which fall to the lot of the agriculturist and pursued his studies in the schools of the neighborhood. Since old enough to be of any assistance in the operation of the farm he has engaged in agricultural pursuits and is today the owner of an excellent and well improved farm of three hundred and twenty acres. He was married on the 6th of August, 1900, to Miss Stazy Lestine, a daughter of John and Josie (Warak) Lestine, farming people of Dodge township. Five children were born to Mr. and Mrs. Crouthamel, namely: Lee, now thirteen

years of age; Walter, eleven; Mae, five; and Harry, two. These are all living, while Howard, twin brother of Harry, died in infancy.

Mr. Crouthamel is a member of the Yeomen lodge of Boone and by his ballot supports the men and measures of the democratic party, taking a very active and commendable interest in public affairs. For two terms he has served as school director, and he never withholds his support from any enterprise which he believes will advance the welfare of his community.

WILLIAM HARVEY FOSTER.

William Harvey Foster, deceased, was a soldier of the Civil war and a respected citizen of Boone. For many years he was a trustworthy engineer on the Northwestern Railway, having practically spent all his life in connection with railway service. He was born in Zanesville, Muskingum county, Ohio, July 17, 1836, and was a son of Jonathan and Elizabeth Foster. Jonathan Foster, who was born in Maryland, was a well-to-do farmer, also dealing extensively in stock. He moved his family to Ohio and later to Indiana, where they settled on a farm north of Millersburg, and there he spent the remainder of his life, dying at the age of seventy-five years in the faith of the Methodist Episcopal church. The mother died before the family removed to Indiana, in Ohio, and the father subsequently married a widow, Mrs. Johnson, whose maiden name was Self. The second Mrs. Foster died in Indiana. Sherman, a stepson of Jonathan Foster, served four years in the Civil war and died in the soldiers' home in Indiana. By his first marriage the father had the following children: Sarah, who married John Matthews and died in Indiana, near Leesburg; William Harvey, of this review; Martha, the widow of John Harriman; Phoebe, who became Mrs. Fisher Fry and died in Ligonier, Indiana; Thompson, who died at the age of twenty-four; and Willis, who married and died in Indiana.

William Harvey Foster was educated in the country schools and subsequently followed farming. In February, 1865, he enlisted in the One Hundred and Fifty-second Indiana Volunteer Infantry, joining Company D, of which Captain Smith was at the head, as a private. He served until the close of the war. On November 2, 1865, he married Miss Matilda Jane Tomlinson, and they came to Boone in January, 1866. This community then had but six houses, and the Northwestern Railway was completed west only as far as Woodbine. Mr. Foster bought a farm close by and lived thereon for one year. He then entered the shops of the Northwestern Railway as engine cleaner and subsequently became fireman and engineer. He had the run between Boone and Moingona and also ran a pusher engine which helped the trains over the hills. He died on October 18, 1897, and was buried in Linwood cemetery.

He was an active member of the Methodist Episcopal church and one of the founders and lifelong friends of the Young Men's Christian Association. Fraternally he belonged to the Brotherhood of Locomotive Engineers and was a member of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows. His political adherence was given to the republican party.

To Mr. and Mrs. Foster were born the following children. Ida, who is Mrs. Herbert Cronk, of Chicago, was born in Boone county and educated in the city of Boone. She taught school there and subsequently celebrated her wedding in that city. Later she removed to Clinton, Iowa, where her husband was a passenger conductor on the Chicago & Northwestern Railway, having the run between Clinton and Chicago. She now conducts Foster's Restaurant at No. 221 South Wabash avenue, Chicago, and is manager of the Woman's Athletic Club, which has its building at No. 606 South Michigan avenue in Chicago. She is prominently engaged in uplift work and interested in all vital social questions. She has no children. Melvin, who was a fireman with the Northwestern Railway, died at the age of twenty-two. Lulu married Charles Pendarvis of Boone. Edith married Benjamin B. Wiley, who is extensively mentioned in another part of this work. Harvey Norman died in infancy. Olive resides in Watertown, Illinois. Mrs. Foster, the mother of these children, was born on a farm in Noble county, Indiana, May 13, 1844. She attended the country schools and was reared among strangers, as her mother had died when she was quite young. Her father, Andrew Tomlinson, was a native of Maryland, and her mother before her marriage was Miss Julia Danner, also a native of the Old Line state. The father was a carpenter and he subsequently followed that trade in Indiana, whither the family had removed. He later went to Missouri, where he died at the age of seventy-five, his wife having passed away in Indiana when seventy years of age. In their family were the following children: William, of Topeka, Indiana; Silas, who was drowned in the Mississippi river when on his way from New Orleans on a transport which was sunk during the war; Henry, who lost his life in the battle of Baton Rouge on the day when he was twenty years old; and Mrs. Foster.

Mr. Foster's memory is still with his many friends in Boone, all of whom regarded him affectionately because of the genuine qualities of his character. He was a kindly, courteous gentleman of the old school who readily made friends and who eagerly participated in all matters pertaining to the public welfare, and he was ever ready in peace and war to make sacrifices in order to render service to his country or raise humanity to a higher plane.

FRED WAHL GOETZMAN.

One of the well-to-do farmers of Dodge township is Fred Wahl Goetzman, living in section 35, where he owns and cultivates eighty acres of good land. Boone county numbers him among her native sons, his birth having occurred here on the 5th of September, 1866. His parents were Henry and Harriet (Lamb) Goetzman. The father came with his parents from Germany to Ohio in 1853, and the family made their way at once to Iowa, establishing their home in Des Moines township, Boone county, where Henry Goetzman, after attaining his majority, made arrangements for having a home of his own through his marriage to Miss Harriet Lamb, a native of Ohio. He secured a farm, on which they began their domestic life, and for many years he was closely associated with agricultural interests, devoting his attention to the work of the farm until 1904, when death ended his labors. His widow survives and is now living in Boone.

Fred W. Goetzman acquired a common school education, and his youthful experiences were those which usually fall to the lot of the farm lad. He worked in the fields through the summer months and when he started out in life on his own account he continued in the same pursuit. He is today the owner of a good farm of eighty acres situated on section 35, Dodge township. The soil is arable and has been brought by him to a high state of cultivation. In addition to producing the crops best adapted to climatic conditions he makes a specialty of raising shorthorn cattle and thus adds materially to his income. A glance at his place shows that he is a progressive, practical farmer and that he keeps up with the times is indicated by the fact that he is the owner of an automobile.

On the 20th of September, 1893, Mr. Goetzman was married to Miss Luella Merkel, a daughter of Conrad and Margaret Merkel, who came from Ohio to Iowa and cast in their lot with the settlers of Des Moines township, where the father followed farming throughout his remaining days. Unto Mr. and Mrs. Goetzman have been born two children, Frederick Earl and Harriet Margaret. Mr. Goetzman gives his political support to the democratic party and has served for two terms as school director. He is not a member of any church but attempts to follow the Golden Rule and his friends attest the fact that he is the possessor of many sterling traits of character.

ISIDOR WEIGEL.

Isidor Weigel, deceased, was for a number of years one of the most prosperous farmers and highly esteemed citizens of Harrison township, his home being on section 27. He was born in Schlesien, Germany, November 25, 1843, and there passed the days of his boyhood and youth, coming alone to the United States in 1869. Locating first in Illinois, he was there employed as a laborer for three years and at the end of that time purchased one hundred and twenty acres in Livingston county, that state, to the cultivation and improvement of which he devoted his energies for some time.

In 1872 Mr. Weigel married Miss Theresa Mueller, who died in 1881, and of the six children born to them two are also deceased. The others are: Theresa, the wife of Fred Reinsch, a farmer of Harrison township; Max, who married Callie Knight and follows farming in Harrison township; Helena, the wife of Joseph McCoy, also a farmer of Harrison township; and Alfred, who is engaged in farming in Story county, Iowa. Mr. Weigel was again married November 8, 1881, his second union being with Christina Elsner, a daughter of Frank Elsner. The children born of this union were: Isidor, who was drowned in 1885, at the age of two and a half years; Rudolph, who is homesteading in Alberta, Canada; Christina, the wife of William Smith, who is an engineer on the Illinois Central Railroad, residing in Council Bluffs, Iowa; Philomina, Ernest, Rheinhart and Isidor, all at home; and Adelaide, who is attending school in Cedar Rapids.

It was in 1883 that Mr. Weigel brought his family to Boone county, Iowa, and located on the farm now owned by his widow. This place comprises four hundred and eighty acres on section 27, Harrison township, and is in a high state of cultivation and well improved with excellent buildings. Mr. Weigel was a

most progressive farmer, and, being also an able business man, he met with remarkable success in his undertakings. Eighty acres of the home farm Fred Reinsch now rents and Alfred Weigel rents fifty-eight and a half acres and owns one hundred acres in Story county. Mr. Weigel was independent in politics, voting for the man he deemed best qualified for office regardless of party ties. He held membership in the Catholic church, to which his family also belong, and they stand high in the community where they reside.

E. S. THORNGREN.

E. S. Thorngren is one of the most active and substantial men of Boxholm, Boone county, conducting not only a large and profitable lumber business, but also holding title to extensive farm property and being connected with banking interests. Moreover, Mr. Thorngren has always participated in movements for the upbuilding and betterment of the county and is today connected with a number of public and semi-public institutions which contribute greatly toward the advancement of the county. He was born in Grant township, Boone county, March 24, 1882, and is a son of J. O. and Josephine (Chingren) Thorngren, natives of Sweden. The father came to America with his parents and subsequently engaged in farming in Grant township, where he followed this occupation for many years. Upon his removal to Pilot Mound he turned his attention to the lumber, live-stock and grain business, continuing so for about twenty years with ever increasing success. At the end of that time he removed to Minneapolis but subsequently returned to one of his farms near Boone, where he lived until his death, which occurred on March 29, 1912. His widow is now living in Boxholm.

E. S. Thorngren was reared and educated in Grant township and Pilot Mound, completing his lessons by attending Humboldt College and the Simpson Business College at Indianola. In 1903 he came to Boxholm and engaged in the lumber business and has ever since continued therein. He also handles building material and his business transactions are important and extend over a considerable territory. Moreover, Mr. Thorngren actively manages a two hundred and thirteen acre farm in Grant township, from which he derives a gratifying income. He is also a stockholder and director in the Farmers State Bank of Boxholm and the proprietor of the Willow Grove Stock Farm. He was instrumental in organizing the Farmers Elevator Company of Boxholm and is a stockholder therein. Besides all of these interests he owns two farms, one of eighty acres and another of one hundred and sixty acres in Oklahoma. Mr. Thorngren is a typical representative of the successful young American business man and has attained to prosperity because of his far-sightedness, his determination, his industry, his honesty and his close application. He has made use of opportunities as they presented themselves and it may be even said of him that he created opportunities where there were none before. While building his own fortune he has been an important factor in the growth and development of his section of the state, to the advancement of which he has made valuable contributions.



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On June 10, 1904, Mr. Thorngren married Miss Lillian Carlson, a daughter of J. P. and Jennie (Loving) Carlson, natives of Sweden, who settled in Boone county in 1883. The father turned his attention to farming in Pilot Mound township and there he is still operating a farm. Mr. and Mrs. Thorngren were the parents of three children: Francis M., aged eight; J. Loran, who is six years of age; and Ruth C., who died April 20, 1914, at the age of three and one-half years.

Mr Thorngren has always taken a deep interest in the welfare of the community, warmly championing the cause of education. He is president of the Boxholm school board and in that connection has been instrumental in greatly improving the educational system prevailing in his city. He also serves as president of the Commercial Association of Boxholm, allying himself with those men who are ever willing to make sacrifices in order to promote industrial and commercial growth. He is secretary of the Grant Township Mutual Telephone Company and has been for some time the republican committeeman for Grant township and a member of the town council. In 1912 Mr. Thorngren was the republican nominee for representative from the fifty-third district but was defeated by J. B. McHose, of Boone, by less than one hundred votes. He has always been loyal to the republican party, upholding its principles and candidates. His religious faith is that of the Methodist church, and he gives material and moral support to its growth. Mr. Thorngren is a public-spirited citizen, a successful business man and a leader in all movements for moral and intellectual advancement. He reflects honor and credit upon the community and stands high in the estimation of all who know him.

FREDERICK GEORGE WESTRIP.

Frederick George Westrip is the oldest yardmaster in years of continuous service in connection with the Northwestern Railway system. He has for thirteen years occupied his present position and has been connected with various departments of the company's service for forty years. He acted as yardmaster at Council Bluffs for twelve years and investigation into his history shows him to be one of the most faithful and reliable men in the company's employ. He enjoys to the fullest extent the confidence of those under whom he serves and his record might well serve as an example to others. He was born November 24, 1858, in the pineries about one hundred and fifty miles north of Detroit, Michigan, a son of George Frederick and Hannah (Cook) Westrip, both of whom were natives of England, born near London. The mother was a daughter of Henry Cook and for many years was a resident of Iowa, where she ultimately passed away. The marriage of the parents was celebrated in England, and one child was born to them ere they crossed the Atlantic to the new world and settled in Michigan, where the father followed farming, having eighty acres of land. Following the outbreak of the Civil war he enlisted for service in a Michigan regiment and lost his life in the blowing up of a transport on the Mississippi river. His widow afterward became the wife of John Baker. By

her first marriage she had three children: John, of Council Bluffs; Frederick George, of this review; and William, also of Council Bluffs.

Following the removal of the family to this state Frederick George Westrip became a student in the schools of Council Bluffs, but was entirely thrown upon his own resources and since his youthful days has depended altogether upon his labors for his success and his opportunities. He could only attend school at intervals and his educational advantages were therefore limited. He went to live with an uncle, Henry Cook, with whom he remained for three years and then started out in life on his own account. No matter what success he has achieved, it is attributable entirely to his own efforts, and his example shows what may be accomplished when determination and energy point out the way.

On the 16th of April, 1878, Mr. Westrip was united in marriage to Miss Mary E. Kalert, who was born in Burlington, Iowa, and attended the public schools. She is a daughter of Andrew and Selina (Pattison) Kalert and a granddaughter of Robert Pattison, who named the city of Burlington.

Mr. Westrip's railroad career began when he was fourteen years of age. He acted as a brakeman and switchman in Council Bluffs and at Dunlap, Iowa, and afterward became connected with yard work at Council Bluffs. He rose to the position of conductor on a freight train running between Council Bluffs and Dunlap and subsequently was promoted to the position of locomotive fireman. A year later he was made yardmaster and has since continued to act in that capacity, spending twelve years as yardmaster at Council Bluffs and then coming to Boone in the same capacity for the Northwestern Railroad Company. He has here remained for thirteen years, and his work has given the utmost satisfaction to those interested. He is the oldest yardmaster on the Northwestern system, is most faithful and reliable and thoroughly understands every feature of the work intrusted to him.

Unto Mr. and Mrs. Westrip were born six children: Gertrude, who died in infancy; George, who has also passed away; Mabel, a trained nurse making her home with her parents; William, of Chicago; Gladys and Frederick, both at home. Mr. Westrip holds membership with the Ancient Order of United Workmen and with the Maccabees and his political allegiance is given to the republican party, but the honors and emoluments of office have had no attraction for him, as he has always preferred to concentrate his energies upon the duties which have devolved upon him in business. His record is indeed commendable, and all who know aught of his service speak of him in terms of high regard.

WALTER JAMES OLIVER.

Walter James Oliver owns and occupies an attractive home at No. 307 West Fourth street, where he has resided for the past seven years. He is now living retired, enjoying a well earned rest, the fruits of his former toil supplying him with all of the comforts and some of the luxuries of life. He first came to Iowa in 1876 and has since lived in this state, save for a period of five years.

Mr. Oliver was born in Sussex, England, in 1851 and in 1854 was brought to America by his grandparents, having been left an orphan in his infancy by

the death of his parents, Thomas and Rachel (Butcher) Oliver. His grandfather, Joel Oliver, was a brick maker in England and after coming to the new world followed the same pursuit in Griggsville, Pike county, Illinois, where he was closely identified with industrial activity for many years. He died there at the very advanced age of ninety-six years, and his wife survived to the age of ninety-eight. It will thus be seen that Walter James Oliver comes from a family noted for longevity. He is an only child and was reared by his grandparents. Passing through consecutive grades in the public schools, he eventually reached the high school and afterward attended the Gem City Business College at Quincy, Illinois. From early youth he was more or less familiar with the trade of brick making, in which his grandfather engaged, and eventually he became foreman in a brick-making plant, continuing in that line of business until he came to Iowa in 1876. In that year he settled upon a farm in Taylor county, where he carried on general agricultural pursuits for twenty-two years. In 1898, however, he removed to Nodaway county, Missouri, where he purchased land and followed farming and stock-breeding near Guilford for five years. On the expiration of that period he came to Boone, where he has now lived for the past decade. Here he is engaged in the raising of fancy chickens and rabbits and thus his time is occupied, for indolence and idleness are utterly foreign to his nature and he could not content himself without some interests and activities. He also gives supervision to three farms in Dodge township, Boone county, and also to a farm property in Greene county.

Mr. Oliver was married in Pana, Christian county, Illinois, to Miss Mary A. Powell, a native of Sussex, England, who died in Iowa in 1893, leaving three sons and two daughters, all of whom are yet living, are married and are connected with agricultural interests. One daughter is now in Taylor county, near Lennox and the three sons are in Nodaway county, Missouri. For his second wife Mr. Oliver chose Mrs. Charlotte Swigert, nee Bibler, and their marriage was celebrated in Boone. Mrs. Oliver was born in Crawford county, Ohio, in October, 1852, and was one of a family of nine children. Two of her brothers are now residents of Hamilton county, Iowa. Her parents, David and Rachel (Eichelberger) Bibler, were natives of Ohio and spent four years in Illinois, near Peoria. They afterward went to Hamilton county, Iowa, in 1858, settling near Webster City, where they made their home until late in life. The father always followed farming and was quite successful, capably managing his business affairs so that substantial results were achieved. He died in Don Palos, California, at the age of seventy-nine years, his birth having occurred in 1818, and his wife, afterward returning to Ohio, passed away in that state in 1900, also at the age of seventy-nine. They were Methodists in religious faith and were earnest Christian people.

Their daughter Charlotte was married in 1880 to Anderson Swigert, who was born in Ohio and came to Boone county in 1858. He resided in Dodge township, where he engaged in blacksmithing, and he also was a cattle buyer at Ridgeport. He first married Miss Mary Magdalene Winklepleck, also of Ohio, in which state the wedding was celebrated, and she passed away in Ridgeport, leaving five children, of whom four are yet living. The death of Anderson Swigert occurred in 1896 when he had reached the age of seventy-three years. By his marriage to Charlotte Bibler there were born five children, of whom four yet survive, the

eldest daughter being now a resident of Kenosha, Wisconsin, while three of the family are in Boone county. Mrs. Oliver gave to each of her children a farm, and all are now successful. Mrs. Oliver has eight grandchildren, while Mr. Oliver has twelve grandchildren.

In his political views Mr. Oliver is a stalwart republican and regards it the duty, as well as the privilege, of every true American citizen to support his views upon public questions in the exercise of his right of franchise. Both he and his wife are members of the Methodist Episcopal church. In 1906 he erected an attractive residence at No. 307 West Fourth street, where they are now most pleasantly located. They have many friends in this county and sterling traits of character have gained them warm regard among all with whom they have been brought in contact.

ANDERSON SWIGERT.

Long residence in Boone county makes it imperative that the life record of Anderson Swigert find a place upon the pages of the county's history, for he was closely associated with business activity and with the upbuilding of this section for many years, coming here in pioneer times. He was born in Tuscarawas county, Ohio, September 22, 1823, a son of Elisha Swigert, who was a cattle drover. The four sons and two daughters of the family were left orphans when Anderson Swigert was but nine years of age, and he was thus forced to start out in life on his own account. His educational privileges were indeed meager, and save for a few months spent in a private school as a child he had no educational training save that which was self-acquired in the school of experience. He mastered the rudimentary branches of learning and as the years went on added to his knowledge through life's lessons. He served seven years as an apprentice to a blacksmith and in 1848 started in business on his own account in the town of Chili, Ohio, where he won a fair measure of success. He added to his blacksmithing a foundry business and also conducted a hotel until 1856.

He then brought his family to Iowa, settling at Ridgeport, Boone county, where he continued in the business of blacksmithing and hotel keeping. He likewise invested in farm property and gave personal supervision to the operation of his farm and to his stock-raising and feeding interests. His time was devoted to these various lines until 1875, when he gave up other business and for a time devoted his undivided attention to his farm and live stock, continuing along that line until 1883, when he retired. A substantial measure of success has rewarded his efforts. In all of his business career he displayed unfaltering energy, industry and determination and carried forward to successful completion whatever he undertook. In all of his dealings he was thoroughly reliable and won an unsalable reputation for his business integrity.

On the 15th of November, 1848, Mr. Swigert was united in marriage to Miss Magdalene Winklepleck, and they became the parents of eight children, of whom four are still living: Madill, a resident of Nebraska; George A., who makes his home in Kansas; Frank; and Mrs. Cordelia Sturtz, of Boone, Iowa. The wife and mother passed away in 1875 and on the 22d of May, 1880, Mr. Swigert was



ANDERSON SWIGERT



MRS. CHARLOTTE (SWIGERT) OLIVER

again married, his second union being with Charlotte Bibler, of Hamilton county, Iowa. Unto this marriage were born five children, of whom Blacksen died at the age of fifteen years, the others being: Mrs. Effie A. Davis, of Kenosha, Wisconsin; C. J., a resident of Boxholm, Iowa; Mrs. Cassie A. Davis, living in Boone; and Mrs. Belle L. Wells, whose home is near Paton, Iowa.

In his political views Mr. Swigert was always an earnest republican from the organization of the party but never sought nor desired office of any kind, preferring to concentrate his undivided attention and energy upon his business, which he conducted so capably that substantial success resulted. He was one of the promoters and builders of Boone county, taking an active interest in many projects for its upbuilding and development. Throughout the pioneer days he proved himself a friend of the early settlers and was ever ready to assist the poor and needy. He was widely known not only in Boone but throughout adjoining counties and was highly respected by all. He passed away in 1896 and in his death the community lost one of its worthy and honored pioneers—a man whose life was not spectacular in the slightest degree and who did not seek to figure prominently in any public connection, but who through the sterling worth of his character won and enjoyed the friendship and regard of those with whom he was brought in contact.

FRANK A. SNYDER.

Frank A. Snyder, a progressive and representative agriculturist of Boone county, residing on section 27, Grant township, is the owner of one hundred and twenty acres of rich and productive land. His birth occurred in Chicago, Illinois, on the 8th of September, 1857, his parents being Andrew and Magdelina (Hagge) Snyder, the former a native of France and the latter of Pennsylvania. Andrew Snyder was brought to the United States by his parents when but three years of age, the family home being established near Buffalo, New York, and subsequently near Chicago, Illinois. He learned the blacksmith's trade in the western metropolis and for a number of years was there engaged as a blacksmith and expert horseshoer. Later he removed to North Northfield, Illinois, and afterward took up his abode in Deerfield, that state. For a period of ten years he followed farming near Des Plaines, Illinois. His demise occurred in 1909, but his widow still survives at the age of eighty years, making her home in Deerfield, Illinois.

Frank A. Snyder was reared and educated in the state of his nativity and after putting aside his text-books worked as a farm hand in Illinois for some time. In the spring of 1890 he came to Boone county, Iowa, and began the cultivation of rented land. Two years later, however, he purchased one hundred and twenty acres on section 27, Grant township, and undertook the improvement of the property, which he has operated continuously and successfully to the present time. His wife raises thoroughbred White Leghorn Rose Comb chickens and ships eggs to Minnesota, Dakota, Missouri, Nebraska, Iowa and Illinois. She also raises White Holland turkeys, Pekin ducks and Emden geese, and all of

her poultry is white. Mr. Snyder, in connection with the cultivation of cereals, raises shorthorn cattle and Chester White hogs. He is a stockholder in the Farmers Elevator Company of Boxholm and the Mutual Telephone Company and has long enjoyed an enviable reputation as one of the enterprising and progressive citizens of his community.

On the 18th of December, 1889, Mr. Snyder was united in marriage to Miss Annie Bleimehl, a daughter of Peter and Maria Bleimehl, natives of Germany, who emigrated to the United States in the '40s and took up their abode in Chicago, Illinois. The father, who was a blacksmith by trade, later removed to Wheeling, Illinois, where he conducted a shop for six years and then went to Deerfield, that state, there spending the remainder of his life. He passed away in 1879, while his wife, surviving him for three decades, was called to her final rest in 1909. Unto Mr. and Mrs. Snyder have been born eight children, namely: Raymond; Laura; Harvey; Alda; Alvin; Elmer; Irving, who died in 1895; and Lucille, whose demise occurred in 1912.

Mr. Snyder gives his political allegiance to the republican party and serves as justice of Grant township, having discharged the duties of that office in a highly satisfactory and commendable manner for a period of ten years. He has likewise acted as secretary of the school board for a number of years, and the cause of education has ever found in him a stalwart champion. His religious faith is that of the Evangelical Association, in the work of which he takes an active and helpful interest. Both Mr. and Mrs. Snyder are well and favorably known in Boone county and have a circle of friends which is almost coextensive with the circle of their acquaintances.

ISAAC D. MUENCH.

Isaac D. Muench, who now lives retired in Pilot Mound, Iowa, has not only been a factor in the agricultural development of his state, but has to his credit a war record of which he well may be proud. He was born in Dauphin county, Pennsylvania, May 28, 1846, and is a son of Jacob D. and Solina (Myers) Muench, both natives of that county. The father was a shoemaker by trade, but throughout the greater part of his life followed farming. He died in Pennsylvania in 1845. His wife survived him until 1884.

Isaac D. Muench was reared and educated in Dauphin and Snyder counties, Pennsylvania, attending the academy in the latter county. He then completed a business college course at Harrisburg. At the early age of eighteen years he enlisted in Company A, Two Hundred and Eighth Pennsylvania Volunteer Infantry and served for ten months, or until the close of the war. He subsequently taught school in Pennsylvania for several terms and also clerked in various stores and mercantile concerns. The next six years and eight months were spent in railroad service. In 1880 Mr. Muench came to Boone county, and here he bought land in Pilot Mound township. He gave his undivided attention to the cultivation of the same, and his became one of the most profitable farms of the neighborhood. He continued its operation until 1901, when he removed to Pilot Mound, where he now lives.

In 1877 Mr. Muench married Kate Martin, a daughter of Edward and Barbara (Remery) Martin, natives of Maryland. Mr. and Mrs. Muench became parents of seven children: Daniel, who died in 1895; George C., who is in the United States mail service in Los Angeles; Virgil O., a physician who practices in Nichols, Iowa; Sallie, who died in infancy; Robert S., a traveling salesman of Cedar Rapids; Grace, who died in infancy; and Harvey, a farmer of Boone county. Mr. Muench has always interested himself in public questions and has helpfully coöperated in promoting the growth and development of his district. He is now assessor of Pilot Mound and has also been secretary of the school board for ten years.

He is a member of the Evangelical church and thoroughly devoted to its work. Politically he is a staunch advocate of the prohibition party. He takes deep interest in the moral and intellectual upbuilding of humanity and is ever ready to support movements which will make for better manhood and sweeter womanhood.

FREDERICK E. WELSH, M. D.

A well known and prominent representative of the medical profession in Boone is Dr. Frederick E. Welsh, and his life stands in contradistinction to the old adage that a prophet is never without honor save in his own country, for he is a native son of Boone and in the city where the greater part of his life has been passed he is accorded a liberal practice, and by the consensus of public opinion is named as one of the leading physicians of his part of the state. His natal day was December 11, 1874.

His father, George H. Welsh, was one of the pioneer settlers of this county and established one of the early drug stores of Boone. He was born in Norfolk county, Canada West, in 1842, and in 1851, when a lad of about nine years, accompanied his parents on their removal across the border and into Ogle county, Illinois. After some time he became a resident of Hamilton county, Iowa. In his youth he learned the printer's trade, which he followed for a number of years, but when the differences between the north and the south involved the country in civil war, he put aside all business and personal considerations and offered his aid to the government, enlisting in the Thirty-second Iowa Infantry, with which he served for three years. Following his return home he again resumed active connection with the printing business and for some time was one of the proprietors of the Marshall County Times. He applied himself so closely and arduously to the management of his business that his health became impaired, necessitating a change of occupation, and in 1867 he removed to Boone, where he established a drug store, of which he was proprietor throughout his remaining days. On the 7th of October, 1869, he wedded Miss Helen Francis Hartwell, a native of Rockford, Illinois. His death occurred on the 11th of September, 1911, and his widow, still surviving, now makes her home in Boone. In their family were five children, George H., who was born November 27, 1872, and was American agent for the Singer Sewing Machine Company in the City of Mexico, obtained a concession permitting the building of a railroad, which he and his partner built to

a distance of one hundred and eighty miles. His death occurred in the City of Mexico July 15, 1909. Frederick E. is the next of the family. Charles Aldrich, born February 25, 1881, was a graduate engineer of the Iowa State College and became a prominent building and contracting engineer. He was identified with the Louisiana Purchase Exposition at St. Louis, having taken a contract in connection with the building of the Cascades and other important structures on the exposition grounds. He was also identified with the extension of the Northwestern Elevated Railroad in Chicago through the north shore suburbs. He died March 14, 1907. Marguerite, the next of the family, is at home. Helen is the wife of Albert Wieland, manager of the Bettendorf Car & Axle Company, of Davenport.

Reared in his native city, Dr. Welsh passed through consecutive grades in the public schools until graduated from the Boone high school with the class of 1892. He afterward entered Drake University at Des Moines, there spending a year, and subsequently became a student in the Northwestern University at Evanston, which he attended for four years and was then graduated. He next entered the State University at Iowa City, in which he pursued the medical course, and later he entered the medical department of the Northwestern University in Chicago, from which he was graduated with the class of 1903. In the meantime he had had some practical experience in medical and surgical work. On the 26th of April, 1898, Dr. Welsh enlisted as a private in Company I, Fifty-second Iowa Infantry at Boone and spent one month in Des Moines. The regiment immediately entered the United States service and Dr. Welsh was made a corporal. He was then transferred to the hospital staff as hospital private and later was advanced through the successive grades to lance acting hospital steward, lance hospital steward, acting hospital steward and finally became hospital steward, in charge of the Second Division, Third Corps and the Ambulance Division, which made him an officer on the colonel's staff. As he had not then graduated in medicine, he could not be advanced farther. Owing to illness, he was the last man of his regiment to be mustered out, leaving the army thirty days after the other members of the regiment.

Following his graduation from the Northwestern University Medical School, where he had completed his preparation for medical practice, Dr. Welsh went to Rutland, where he practiced for eight years, and in 1911 he returned to Boone, where he opened an office and has since engaged in practice. He is well versed not only in the major, but also in the minor points of his profession. He makes a specialty of children's diseases and has become recognized as an authority on the same. He is a coming leader among the physicians of this section of the state because of the thorough study which he gives each individual case. His diagnosis is most careful, and he is seldom if ever at fault in anticipating the outcome of disease. He employs the most modern methods in his practice and at all times keeps in touch with the advanced thought and progress of the profession. His practice is large and gratifying and in addition, he has various other business interests. He is now proprietor of the Welsh drug store, the pioneer establishment of the kind in Boone, has been a director of the Rutland State Savings Bank for the last nine years, is ex-president of the Rutland Rolling Mills Corporation, resigning when he removed to Boone, and is a director of the Rutland Cooperative Creamery Association. He manifests keen sagacity and enterprise in relation to business affairs as well as professional interests, and because of the extent

and importance of his activities has come to be recognized as one of the leading citizens of this section of the state.

On the 22d of December, 1902, Dr. Welsh was united in marriage to Miss Cleve Edna Squires, a native of Marshalltown, Iowa, and a daughter of Henry W. and Emma (Andrews) Squires. Her father, who is now living retired in Ames, Iowa, was formerly a contractor and builder and erected some of the largest churches, business houses and private residences of his day throughout central Iowa. Unto Dr. and Mrs. Welsh have been born a daughter, Cleve Squires, born June 6, 1904, and a son, Frederick Edwin, Jr., born on the 14th of October, 1910.

Dr. Welsh gives his political indorsement to the republican party by his support at the polls of all of its candidates and its measures, but he does not desire public office for himself. He is a Master Mason, and also belongs to the Eastern Star chapter. He also belongs to the Woodmen of the World and the Woodman Circle, while since his college days he has been a member of the Delta Tau Delta fraternity, having joined the chapter at Northwestern University. His religious belief is that of the Episcopal church and to its teachings he is faithful. In all the relations of life Dr. Welsh has been found progressive and loyal. He stands for all that is best in community affairs and in the national life as well, and can justly be termed a typical American citizen, alert and enterprising, ready to meet any emergency of life with the confidence and courage that come from a right conception of things and an habitual regard for what is best in the exercise of human activities.

THOMAS PAGE.

Since the fall of 1910 Thomas Page has made his home in Luther, where he is now living retired, having, previous to this time, devoted his attention largely to agricultural pursuits. His early home was in Ohio, for he was born in Clinton county, that state, June 30, 1837, his parents being Wesley and Matilda (Crispen) Page. His father, who was also a farmer by occupation, died when a young man and was long survived by his widow, who was about seventy years old at the time of her death, which occurred in Clinton county, Ohio. They were married in that state, though he was a native of Virginia and she of Pennsylvania. After her husband's death she spent some two or three years in Illinois, but finally returned to Ohio. In their family were six children, five sons and one daughter, our subject being the next to the oldest. The others were: Mason, who is still a resident of Ohio; Silas, twin of Thomas, the former now deceased; William and Lucinda, also twins, both of whom are deceased; and Wesley, a retired farmer living in Luther, Iowa.

Thomas Page spent his early life in Ohio and received a good practical education in the common schools of that state. At an early age, however, he began earning his own livelihood and started out in life for himself empty handed. In the fall of 1861 he left his native state and removed to Sangamon county, Illinois, where he had a brother and sister residing, but on the 1st of March, 1864, he became a resident of Boone county, Iowa. At that time the city of Boone

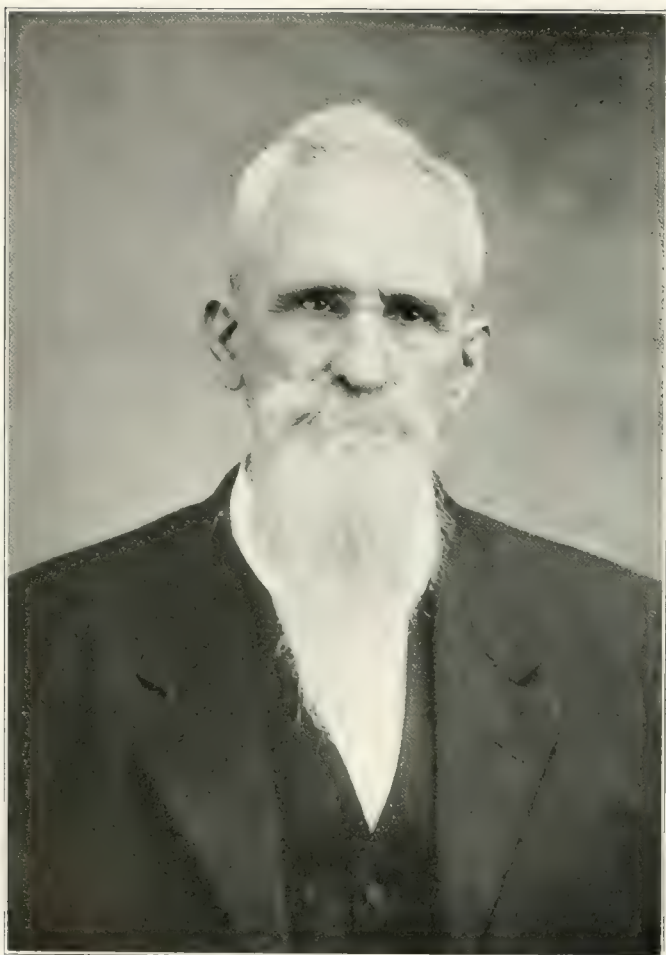
was the terminus of the Chicago & Northwestern Railroad. His brother Wesley had located here the year previous. Thomas Page located on the Peterson place in Worth township, being then in the employ of J. H. Norton for about one year. The following two years he worked for John Jennings, at the end of which time he was married and rented a farm, which he operated for the same length of time. He then purchased forty acres of land one mile north of the present site of Luther from L. and H. Goeppinger. There was a house standing upon the land, but otherwise it was unimproved, and to its cultivation and development he at once turned his attention. Subsequently he traded that property to Philip Hull for one hundred and twenty acres three miles east of Worth, in what is now Colfax township. He also improved that farm, which he finally traded for a place of one hundred and eleven acres in Des Moines township. It is today one of the best improved and most productive tracts in the locality and to its cultivation Mr. Page devoted his attention until 1910, when he retired from active labor and removed to Luther. Here he has built a good comfortable residence and also has twenty acres of land which he rents. At one time he owned considerable property, but has disposed of much of this, feeling that he is entitled to a well earned rest. He followed general farming, and the success which attended his efforts was due entirely to his own careful management and industrious habits.

In the fall of 1866 Mr. Page was married in this county to Miss Alice Boone, a daughter of William Myrtle Boone, a prominent pioneer of this county whose sketch appears elsewhere in this work. Both Mr. and Mrs. Page are now well advanced in life, she having reached the age of seventy-two years, while he is seventy-seven. Of their three children, William, who is a farmer by occupation, resides near the Des Moines river in Worth township. He married Miss May Thompson and has a large family, including two daughters who are married and three sons and two daughters who are single. Bertha, the second child of our subject, is at home. V. A. is a farmer by occupation.

In early life Mr. Page was a member of the Home Guards in Ohio and since attaining his majority has always affiliated with the republican party, but has never accepted office. At one time he was a member of the New Light or Christian church and still favors that denomination. He is a man of upright character, whose life has been such as to gain him the confidence and high regard of those with whom he has been brought in contact.

CORYDON L. LUCAS.

Corydon L. Lucas, of Madrid, Iowa, is very successfully engaged in the real-estate and insurance business; but he is of greater importance to his community than a merely well-to-do man, for he has been connected with many public-spirited enterprises. He was instrumental in organizing the Madrid Historical Society and has always taken the deepest and most helpful interest in preserving valuable records to posterity. Mr. Lucas moreover served as the first mayor of Madrid, was the postmaster of the community under Cleveland and has now been for twelve years a justice of the peace. He also acts as notary.



CORYDON L. LUCAS



MRS. CORYDON L. LUCAS

Corydon L. Lucas was born in Putnam county, Indiana, November 19, 1838, a son of Hiram and Susan (Payne) Lucas. The father was born in Estill county, Kentucky, April 9, 1815, and in 1834 made his way over land to Indiana, whence he came with the family to Boone county, arriving here October 8, 1853, where the town of Madrid now stands. At this early period there were but two houses in Madrid, surrounded by unbroken prairie, and but one set of farm buildings could be found between Madrid and Belle Point. This farm was located along the Des Moines road. The town of Boonesboro had been laid out but two years previously and settlements were sparse and far between. The father won an honorable place in his community and acquired a competence. He died at Grayson Station, October 4, 1906. His wife, Susan (Payne) Lucas, was born in Spencer county, Kentucky, February 6, 1819. Her parents made their way to Indiana in 1834, and in that state Hiram Lucas and Susan Payne were married in 1835. She came with her husband to Boone county in 1853. The Payne family were originally Virginians and were among the pioneer settlers of Kentucky. Mr. and Mrs. Lucas were the parents of eleven children: William H., who died in North Dakota; Corydon L., of this review; H. M., residing at Woonsocket, South Dakota; Mrs. Nancy Mace, of Oklahoma City; P. J., of Boone county, Iowa; Mary A., of Ames, Iowa; Mrs. Ellen Zenor, who died in 1911; Anna, deceased; Mrs. Matilda Williams, of Worth township; Zylpha J., residing at Ames; and Florence, who died in December, 1913. The seven older children were born in Putnam county, Indiana, and the younger ones in Boone county.

Corydon L. Lucas remained in Indiana until 1853, coming with the family to Boone county and arriving on the site of Madrid in October of that year. There they remained over night, continuing the next day northward and locating where Grayson now stands. The township is now called Worth. The Lucas family were among the pioneers of Boone county and experienced all the hardships of primitive frontier life. Mr. Lucas attended the early common schools and subsequently taught for some time in the county. He always has taken a deep interest in historical records of his community, which he has carefully preserved, and his collections and the deductions made therefrom are so important that the publishers of this work have intrusted him with the compilation of two important chapters. His wide acquaintance and extensive reading well qualify him for this undertaking.

In 1862 Mr. Lucas moved from Grayson to Belle Point, where he located on a farm which he improved and developed until he retired from agricultural labors in 1883 and took up his abode in Madrid. He embarked in the real-estate business and has since given his attention to this line of work, also acting as notary and doing a considerable business in insurance and collections. He is considered one of the best judges as regards local realty and his straightforward, honest methods have won him a large clientele. Mr. Lucas purchased the Anderson Addition to Madrid, consisting of thirty-five lots, all of which he has sold but one lot. He was the prime mover in organizing the Madrid Historical Society, which has the honor of being the pioneer society of its kind in this part of the state. Mr. Lucas has one of the finest and largest collections of relics, documents, mound curios, elk horns and other interesting objects that are to be found in any county. It contains the first land deed in Boone county. There are also stone hatchets, peace

pipes, early firearms and swords, and he preserves a broad-hatchet which blazed the first road into Boone county. He also preserves an inscribed tablet referring to Lieutenant R. S. Granger and bearing the date of December 10, 1845.

On February 9, 1862, Mr. Lucas married in Douglas township, Boone county, Iowa, Miss Nancy Sturdivant, who was born in Clay county, Indiana, March 17, 1839. She came by the overland route to Boone county in 1851, the family settling on a farm in what is now Douglas township. Her father, John Sturdivant, was born in North Carolina in 1790 and died in Douglas township, Boone county, Iowa, July 6, 1866. He was among Boone county's pioneers. Her mother, Mary (Green) Sturdivant, born in North Carolina, died in Douglas township in 1889, aged ninety-four years. The parents were married in their native state and in 1830 made removal to Indiana. In their family were eight children: Rainey, deceased; Mrs. Dora Cagle, deceased; Mrs. Elizabeth Jenkins, deceased; Mrs. Melinda Payne, deceased; Mrs. Diana Cunningham, who died in Worth township; H. C., who passed away in Boone county; John, who died in Madrid; and Mrs. Nancy Lucas, who is the only member of the family to survive. The three eldest in this family were born in North Carolina and the younger members in Clay county, Indiana.

Mr. and Mrs. Lucas have had four children: Pandora, who was born November 12, 1862, and died January 29, 1869; John, who was born September 2, 1869, a successful real-estate dealer, rice farmer and lumberman of Arkansas county, Arkansas; H. D., born October 15, 1872; and J. G., born January 8, 1879, of whom further mention is made in another part of this work. These children were born, reared and educated in Douglas township, Boone county. John Lucas was for three years editor of the Madrid Register and then spent a year with the Platte County Argus of Missouri. Returning to Iowa, he remained in this state until March 17, 1903, and then removed to Arkansas county, Arkansas, where he is at present successfully engaged as realty dealer and also follows rice farming and is engaged in the lumber business. H. D. Lucas attended the common and public schools of Madrid and is engaged in the hardware business here. J. G., who is further mentioned elsewhere, is the editor of the Register-News of Madrid.

Corydon L. Lucas gives his allegiance to the democratic party and has always supported this organization and taken a deep interest in its progress. His counsel in local affairs is highly valued, and he has been an influential leader in many movements that have proven of value to his community. He was the first mayor of Madrid and during his administration laid the plans for the continued prosperity that has prevailed in his community. Under the second Cleveland administration he was postmaster of his city and earned during that time the high encomiums of all who had to transact business with the postoffice. For twelve years he has served as justice of the peace and his fairness and impartiality is readily recognized. Mr. Lucas is a man of high ideals, always actively interested in all things that affect the material, intellectual, moral and religious improvement of Madrid and Boone county. He is a member of the Christian church and devoted to its work. His handsomely furnished home in Madrid is a hospitable meeting place for his many friends. Besides his many other interests he owns two city lots and also holds title to three hundred acres of land in Missouri. He has secured a place of trust among his fellows on account of his faithfulness to all tasks imposed upon him, and he is beloved by all because of his genial and

pleasant disposition, which expresses itself in the helpfulness which he is ever ready to extend to all those who find themselves in situations where a lifting hand is welcome or needed.

GEORGE H. ZIMBELMAN.

Among those who have been active in promoting the business development and material upbuilding of Boone is numbered George H. Zimbelman, whose efforts have largely been of a character that has contributed to public prosperity as well as to individual success. What he has undertaken he has carried forward to completion, and as the years have gone on he has demonstrated his ability to cope with perplexing business problems and legitimately turn them to his own advantage.

Mr. Zimbelman is numbered among the pioneer residents of Boone, the family home being established here in 1856. He was then a little child of scarcely three years, his birth having occurred in Zanesville, Ohio, August 8, 1853. He is a son of John and Magdalene (Stanger) Zimbelman, both of whom were born in the year 1817, the former in Switzerland and the latter in Alsace. John Zimbelman crossed the broad Atlantic to the new world in 1832 and five years later was married in Ohio. He first visited Iowa in 1855, entering a tract of government land in Fort Dodge, and in the spring of 1856 brought his family to this state. They journeyed by boat to Keokuk and thence by teams (their own vehicles which they had brought with them on the boat) to Boonesboro, then a village of two hundred and fifty inhabitants. The date of their arrival was April 24, 1856. Subsequently Mr. Zimbelman erected a house on the present site of the Gospel Tabernacle, being obliged to haul the lime from Webster City, Iowa, by wagon. He eventually acquired two hundred and nine acres of land just west of Boone. He was a shoemaker by trade but after coming to this state took possession of a brewery in Boonesboro, which he conducted for some time. In 1878 two of his sons, Lafe and Alfred, took over the brewing business and the father then retired, spending his remaining days in the enjoyment of rest from further labor. He passed away December 16, 1890, and for fifteen years was survived by his wife, who died on the 3d of January, 1906. In their family were ten children: Catherine, who died in infancy; Jacob L., deceased; Lafayette, long a prominent lumber dealer of Boone, but now of Los Angeles; William, deceased; Louise, of Boone; Albert, deceased; Rovena, the wife of John R. Patterson of Boone; George H.; Charles, deceased; and Alfred, living in Los Angeles, California.

George H. Zimbelman spent his youthful days in Boone and attended the public schools until he entered upon business activity. For two years he was associated with his father, but in 1875, when twenty-two years of age, went to Ogden, Iowa, where for two years he was engaged in the grocery business with O. J. Halliday. He then sold out to his partner and embarked in the grocery business in connection with his brother-in-law, Mr. Patterson. They conducted their store for about two years, and in 1880 Mr. Zimbelman started for Colorado, driving a mule team from Boone to Leadville. He then began freighting between Como and Leadville and in the fall of the same year drove the same team back

to Boone. In the party with which he traveled were Samuel Johnson, now deceased, O. J. Halliday and James Paxton. Following his return Mr. Zimbelman again engaged in the grocery business as a member of the firm of Halliday, Ellis & Company and was thus connected until 1892, when he sold out. At that time, associated with others of the family, he began operating in the coal fields, sinking a shaft on his own property. For fifteen years he continued to engage in the mining of coal and then leased his land, so that he is now living retired.

Mr. Zimbelman has always given his political support to the democratic party but does not seek nor desire office, having always preferred to give his undivided attention to his business affairs. He has a wide acquaintance in this county, where practically his entire life has been spent, and he has been an interested witness of the changes which have occurred, bringing about its present condition of modern development and progress.

JOHN B. STROUSE.

John B. Strouse, who throughout life has always made the best use of his advantages and is now able to lay aside all business cares and live retired in Luther, was born in Terre Haute, Indiana, June 3, 1837. His father was John Strouse, who was born in Pennsylvania of German parentage and was left an orphan at an early age. When young he removed to Ohio and was there married to Miss Mary Reed, by whom he had six children, but four of these died in early life. The others are: Alpheus, who is living in Dakota; and John B., of this review. The mother was born and reared in Ohio. Soon after their marriage the parents removed to Terre Haute, Indiana, and subsequently made their home at another place in that state. Later they became residents of Milford, Illinois, but spent their last days in Iowa, the father dying in Pocahontas county at the age of eighty-three years, and the mother passing away at the home of our subject at the age of eighty-six.

John B. Strouse was five years old when the family left his native town, but they remained residents of Indiana until he was seven, at which time they removed to Milford, Illinois. There he pursued his studies in a schoolhouse built of hewed logs with slab seats for benches. His educational advantages were meager, owing to the pioneer conditions of the county at that time, but he pursued his studies until about twenty years of age and at the same time assisted in the work of the home farm. He then started out to make his own way in the world by working for neighboring farmers. He was married in Milford, Illinois, March 1, 1863, to Miss Cynthia Jane Peed, of Salty Mound, Indiana, and they became parents of eight children. Lee, the eldest, has been twice married, his first wife being Annie Ramsay. He is a graduate of the Cincinnati Eclectic Medical College and is now engaged in the practice of his chosen profession at Covington, Kentucky. Mary is the wife of Benjamin Jennings of Gove, Kansas. John married Emma Likely and lives in Thornton, Iowa. Montgomery is a resident of Los Angeles, California. Frank died in infancy. Noah married Emma Barker and lives in Boone county. Ann is a resident of Des Moines. Wilbur died in infancy.

In 1865 Mr. Strouse came to Iowa and located on his father's farm near Drakeville in Davis county, where he spent a year and a half. He then removed to Macon county, Missouri, but after residing there for a short time returned to Drakeville and one year later became a resident of Warren county, Iowa, where the following year was passed. Eight years were then spent in Pocahontas county and in 1877 he became a resident of Boone county. In his farming operations here he met with most excellent success and became the owner of a well improved place of three hundred and twenty acres in Garden township, which he sold four years ago. He continued to carry on farming until April, 1900, when he removed to Luther and has since lived retired. Here his wife died April, 1911, and was laid to rest in the Clarke cemetery. She was a devout Christian lady and was loved and revered by all who knew her. Mr. Strouse has ever been devoted to his family and has given his children an excellent start in life, not only dividing his farm of three hundred and twenty acres among them, but also giving them many thousands of dollars. On starting out in life for himself he was in limited circumstances, but he steadily worked his way upward and by industry, enterprise and good management became one of the prosperous citizens of his community.

FRANK PEPPER.

Farming interests have claimed the attention of Frank Pepper since he started out in life for himself, and he today owns an excellent farm of three hundred and sixty acres on section 34, Harrison township, and also one hundred and seventy acres in Jackson township, all of which property he has acquired through his own unaided efforts. A native of Iowa, he was born in Marshall county, on the 16th of October, 1857, and is a son of S. M. and Mary (Stalling) Pepper. His mother is now deceased, but his father is still living and resides on the old homestead in Jackson township. He is a native of Connecticut, but was reared in Pennsylvania and from that state came to Iowa in 1852, settling in Marshall county. He removed, however, to Boone county when the railroad was first built in this locality, in 1865. Having learned the carpenter's trade, he followed that occupation here for five years, but, as times were hard and there was not much to do along that line, he turned his attention to farming in 1870 and is still engaged in the cultivation of land in Jackson township. In his family are four children, namely: Frank, of this review; William, who is engaged in farming in Story county, Iowa; Arlie, the wife of George Brooks, a farmer of Clay county; and Edward, who makes his home in Des Moines.

During his boyhood and youth Frank Pepper had the advantages of a common-school education and under his father's direction gained his knowledge of farming. For six years after his marriage he operated rented land, but in 1892 purchased one hundred and sixty acres on section 34, Harrison township, for twenty-six dollars per acre. He subsequently bought a forty acre tract at the same price and later added one hundred and sixty acres to his farm, paying for the last sixty-five dollars per acre. This is also in Harrison township, but at

the present time he also owns one hundred and seventy acres in Jackson township, for which he paid one hundred and fifty dollars per acre.

On the 29th of January, 1885, Mr. Pepper was united in marriage to Miss Mary Diggins, a daughter of Patrick and Mary (Reagan) Diggins, who were farming people, living near Ontario, Story county, Iowa, but are both now deceased. In the Diggins family were the following children: William, who is still engaged in farming in Story county; Mary, the wife of our subject; Julia, the wife of Charles McKenna, a farmer of Jackson township, Boone county; James, a farmer of Harrison township; and Kate, the wife of William Keller, a farmer of Harrison township. Mr. and Mrs. Pepper have seven sons, as follows: Fred, who assists in the operation of his father's farm in Jackson township; William and Raymond, both at home; Frank, who married Hazel York and with his brother Fred operates the farm in Jackson township; and James, Dewey and Edward, all at home. The mother and children attend the Catholic church, but Mr. Pepper is not identified with any religious organization. Although he was reared a democrat, he has affiliated with the republican party since the McKinley administration and has taken quite an active interest in public affairs. He served as school director for several terms and has always given his support to those enterprises which he deems calculated to promote the moral or material welfare of his community. In his farming operations he has met with most excellent success, and this has all been due to his enterprise, progressive methods and untiring industry.

WALLACE G. LAIDLEY, M. D.

Dr. Wallace G. Laidley has been a medical practitioner of Pilot Mound for the past eight years and enjoys a reputation as an able and successful representative of the profession in this county. His birth occurred in Kingston, Canada, on the 23d of January, 1876, his parents being William H. and Mary D. (Gilmour) Laidley, who were likewise natives of that country. The father, who followed general agricultural pursuits in Canada throughout his active business career, passed away on the 9th of November, 1901. The mother survives, however, and yet makes her home in Canada. Their children are seven in number, namely: Oswald, Maude, Florence, Addie, Wallace G., Douglas and Kenneth.

Wallace G. Laidley was reared to manhood in his native country and attended the public schools in the acquirement of an education. Desiring to prepare for a professional career, he entered the medical department of Queens University at Kingston, Canada, and was graduated from that institution with the class of April, 1906. He then came direct to Pilot Mound, Boone county, Iowa, and has here followed his profession continuously to the present time, being accorded an extensive and gratifying practice. He has demonstrated his skill and ability in the successful treatment of many difficult cases and ever keeps abreast with the most advanced methods of his profession through membership in the Boone County Medical Society, the Iowa State Medical Society and the American Medical Association.

On the 30th of June, 1909, Dr. Laidley was united in marriage to Miss Mae Mather, a daughter of Irving C. and Lillie (Caldwell) Mather, who were natives of Iowa and Indiana respectively. Irving C. Mather came to Boone county in an early day and embarked in the real-estate and insurance business, being successfully identified therewith until he passed away on the 20th of December, 1900. To him and his wife, who survives and resides in Boone, were born two children: Mrs. Mae Laidley; and Guy C., who is a resident of Sheldahl, Iowa. Dr. Laidley gives his political allegiance to the republican party and is a Methodist in religious faith. Fraternally he is identified with the Masons, the Eastern Star, the Independent Order of Odd Fellows, the Modern Woodmen of America and the Royal Neighbors. He is most conscientious in the performance of his professional duties and in every relation of life is actuated by high and honorable principles.

WALTER H. CANIER.

From early boyhood Walter H. Canier has been connected with the shoe trade, and since 1886 has conducted a store in Boone. His success in this connection is enviable and has come entirely through his persistency of purpose, his close application and his wide-awake, alert business methods. Iowa numbers him among her native sons, his birth having occurred in Washington county on the 26th of April, 1863, his parents being David and Sarah E. (Clark) Canier, both of whom were natives of Ohio. In the early '50s they arrived in Iowa, becoming pioneer residents of this state. They settled on a farm in Washington county, comprising two hundred acres of wild and unimproved land. It had been taken up as a claim from the government by another and was purchased by David Canier, who immediately began its cultivation and improvement, converting it into a fine farm, which is still in possession of the family. He continued to reside upon that place until his death, and his wife also passed away there. They were the parents of a daughter and two sons: Eugenia M., the wife of Ezra H. Smith of Washington county; Orlando S., who is living in Long Beach, California; and Walter H.

The last named, at the age of twelve years, left the farm as a result of an injury sustained in a cyclone, in which he was carried a quarter of a mile by the storm. This rendered him unqualified for the arduous work of the fields, and he sought employment in other directions. After five years spent in a shoe store at Washington, Iowa, he came to Boone and has been constantly in the shoe business from that time to the present. In 1886 he embarked in business on his own account and is now a partner in the firm of Canier Brothers & Herman, Mr. Herman having been admitted to the firm in 1889. The business has been in continuous existence for a quarter of a century and is today one of the old established houses of the city. They carry a large and well selected line of boots and shoes, both high grade and medium priced, and their stock is always adequate to the demands of the public, while their straightforward and honorable business policy commends them to the further support of old patrons and brings them many new ones.

On the 14th of August, 1892, Mr. Canier was united in marriage to Della M. Broughton, a native of Indiana, who was reared, however, in Bremer county, Iowa. Mr. and Mrs. Canier have had no children of their own, but have reared seven children, of whom one, Ivadelle, the wife of Richard H. Sturges of Los Angeles, California, was born of Mrs. Canier's first marriage, when she was Mrs. Rogers.

When age conferred upon Mr. Canier the right of franchise he indorsed the principles of the republican party and has never seen reason to change his views. He always votes for its men and measures, for he believes that the party platform contains the best elements of good government, yet he never seeks office as a reward for party fealty. He is in hearty sympathy with the teachings and tenets of the Masonic lodge, to which he belongs, and his religious faith is that of the Presbyterian church. He stands stanchly in support of all that pertains to the social, moral and intellectual welfare of his community and is justly accounted one of its most worthy citizens.

GEORGE H. STANGER, M. D.

Dr. George H. Stanger is a well known and successful physician and surgeon of Boone, where he has practiced his profession continuously for the past twenty-two years. His birth occurred in Louisa county, Iowa, on the 18th of February, 1866, his parents being George and Margaret (Sutte) Stanger, the former a native of Germany and the latter of Cambridge, Ohio. The father, who in 1856 took up his abode in Louisa county, Iowa, was engaged in the business of carpentering and contracting throughout his active career. He passed away in Valley, Nebraska, on the 1st of January, 1913, while the demise of his wife there occurred on the 31st of December, 1912. Unto them were born seven children, as follows: Sarah Belle, who was born on the 5th of June, 1857, and died in 1902; Mary Virginia, who is the wife of C. V. Crooks, of Omaha, Nebraska; Carrie E., who gave her hand in marriage to J. W. Johnston, of Ayrshire, Iowa; Georgiana, deceased; George H., of this review; John S., an agriculturist residing in Webster City, Iowa; Ima Grace, the wife of J. S. Kennedy, of Valley, Nebraska.

George H. Stanger acquired his early education in the district schools at Boone and when twenty-three years of age entered the State University of Iowa at Iowa City. Having determined upon the practice of medicine as a life work, he took up the study of that profession in the College of Physicians and Surgeons at Chicago, which institution conferred upon him the degree of M. D. on the 31st of March, 1892. He at once opened an office in Boone, Iowa, and that city has remained the scene of his professional labors throughout the intervening twenty-two years. An extensive and lucrative practice has been accorded him, and he has won a merited reputation as an able physician.

On the 27th of June, 1900, Dr. Stanger was united in marriage to Miss Katharine Champlin, a daughter of Frank and Lavinia (York) Champlin, who took up their abode among the early settlers of Boone, this state. The Doctor gives his political allegiance to the democracy and is identified fraternally with

the Masons, the Independent Order of Odd Fellows and the Knights of Pythias. Both he and his wife are freely accorded the hospitality of many homes and their genuine personal worth has gained for them the warm and enduring regard and friendship of all.

PAUL R. DYER.

Paul R. Dyer, a farmer of Colfax township, was born January 18, 1882, on a farm in that township, now the property of J. J. McKone. He is a son of William R. Dyer, a sketch of whom appears elsewhere in this work. He received his education in the common schools, his first teacher being Miss Amelia Walker and his last John Menton. His schooling was completed at the age of eighteen years and he remained upon the home farm, assisting in its cultivation, until after his marriage, which occurred in 1901. He then operated the home-stand, consisting of one hundred and sixty acres on section 9, Colfax township, until three years ago, when he bought his present property, a valuable eighty acre farm located on section 15, Colfax township. He has made many improvements upon the place since it came into his possession and his knowledge of soils and proper methods of carrying on the work of the farm enables him to raise abundant crops, which bring him gratifying financial returns.

On the 16th of October, 1901, Mr. Dyer was married to Miss Minnie J. Derks, a daughter of Peter Derks. To this union three children were born, two of whom died unnamed and Robert J. died in infancy. The parents are members of the Christian Alliance church of Boone and are actively interested in its work. Mr. Dyer gives his political allegiance to the republican party, feeling that he can thus best promote the interests of good government. He has served for three years as secretary of the local school board, doing all in his power to advance the welfare of the public schools.

WILLIAM MYRTLE BOONE.

William Myrtle Boone, deceased, was a representative of a very old and prominent family of this county. He was born in Kentucky and was a great-grandson of Squire Boone, a brother of the noted hunter, Daniel Boone, of Kentucky fame. During his boyhood William M. Boone accompanied his parents on their removal to Indiana, the family locating in Putnam county, but in May, 1852, they came to Boone county, Iowa, where the father, Squire Boone, spent the remainder of his life in Worth township. He donated the land for the Squire Boone cemetery on section 14, that township, and took a very active and prominent part in public affairs. He was a stanch abolitionist and later never wavered in his support of the republican party. He died in 1878 at the ripe old age of eighty-five years, honored and respected by all who knew him.

William M. Boone grew to manhood in Indiana and there married, in 1841, Miss Nancy Parker, also a native of Kentucky, who had accompanied her father

on his removal to Indiana during her girlhood. She died in Boone county, Iowa, January 1, 1896, at the age of seventy-two years, ten months and sixteen days. At one time she was a member of the Christian church. To Mr. and Mrs. Boone were born nine children: Mrs. Alice Page, a resident of Luther, Iowa; Edward, deceased; Jesse P., of Luther; Squire, who died in infancy; Virgil, a farmer of Worth township; Mrs. Matilda Page, of Luther; Laura, deceased; Oliver Perry; and one who died in infancy.

Throughout his active life Mr. Boone followed farming, and he became prominently identified with public affairs, serving in several local offices. His political support was given the republican party and in religious affairs he favored the Universalist church. He died on the 10th of July, 1911, when over eighty-nine years of age. He was one of a large family of children, but only two are now living, these being: Tyler Boone, who resides with his daughter, Mrs. Hull of Douglas township; and Betty, a resident of Madrid, Iowa.

PHILLIP GARTLAND.

Phillip Gartland now lives retired at No. 728 Burton street, Boone, after a life of arduous labor, which brought him a competency. He was born in Ireland, in what is called the "Gap of the North," in the town of Carrickmacross, where the five counties of Louth, Meath, Cavan, Armagh and Monaghan meet. His date of birth was January 6, 1835, and his birthplace was just over the line in Monaghan county. He is a son of Peter and Ann (Corrigan) Gartland, natives of County Monaghan, and a grandson of Patrick Gartland, who was born and lived all his life in County Monaghan. Peter Gartland followed farming all his life. He removed from Monaghan to County Clare and died there about 1850 at the age of sixty-seven years. His wife, Ann, was a daughter of John and Nancy (Murphy) Corrigan, farming people. Mr. and Mrs. Peter Gartland were the parents of the following children: John, who died in Ireland when young; Mary, who died in infancy; Phillip, of this review; Daniel, who emigrated to America at the age of twenty; and George and Peter, who died in infancy.

Daniel Gartland, the aforementioned, was joined in this country by his brother Phillip after the latter had reached American shores. Both went through the Irish famine in the years 1847 and 1848, when the United States sent the first ship of corn to the suffering Erin, and it is a curious incident that this ship while making for Ireland met two vessels going to Liverpool, which were loaded with the best the island could produce, the goods being consigned to the absent landlords. On June 1, 1861, Daniel Gartland enlisted in Jonesboro as a private in Company D, Third Vermont Volunteer Infantry, and served until November 24, 1862, when he was discharged on account of disability. He was captured in the seven days' battle of the Wilderness and was placed in the famous Andersonville prison, being paroled at the end of three months. He then went to Connecticut, where he worked in a hoe factory and later moved to Wilkesbarre, Pennsylvania, where he again enlisted on August 1, 1864, as a private in Com-



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pany F, Fifth Pennsylvania Cavalry, and was killed October 7, 1864, in front of Petersburg.

Phillip Gartland attended the schools of his native land until seventeen years of age, engaging at odd times in farm labor. In 1854, when nineteen years of age, he went to England, working in a blast furnace at Durham. Having heard of the advantageous conditions existing in America he on June 30, 1863, left Liverpool for New York, sailing on a steamship of the Cunard line. After arriving on American shores he made his way to Connecticut, where he found work in hoe factories at Naugatuck and Seymour, making bayonets for the soldiers at the front. He removed to Wilkesbarre, Pennsylvania, where he worked in the anthracite coal mines for a time but later returned to Connecticut. There on October 9, 1864, he was married to Miss Ann Hughes, of Seymour, Connecticut, the ceremony taking place at Derby, that state. They subsequently removed to Hubbard, Trumbull county, Ohio, where he was engaged in coal mining until 1867. In May of that year he with his wife and one child came to Moingona, Boone county. He continued to mine coal there until 1893 and also took an active part in the public life of the municipality, serving for one term as township clerk. For eight years he was secretary of the school board and from 1877 until 1891 held the position of justice of the peace, discharging his duties fairly and impartially. He also served as treasurer and recorder several times. In 1892 Mr. Gartland went to Seymour, Wayne county, Iowa, continuing in coal mining and then removed to Marcelline, Missouri, where he mined until 1896. In that year he came to Boone, where he also followed mining but later was employed by the Northwestern Railroad Company in the round house. After many years' labor Mr. Gartland retired in 1909, having acquired a comfortable competency by thrift and industry.

At Derby, Connecticut, Mr. Gartland married on October 9, 1864, Miss Ann Hughes, of Seymour, Connecticut, a daughter of Edward and Ann (Murphy) Hughes. Mr. and Mrs. Gartland were the parents of the following children: Ann, who was born in Hubbard, Ohio, married William Hughes, and they now live in Grinnell, Iowa. Daniel, who was born in Moingona, Iowa, died while young. Edward was born in Moingona, Boone county, March 13, 1870. He attended public school until eight and a half years of age, then went to work with his father in the mines, so continuing until twenty years of age. Part of the time he drove the mules but as the years passed became a full fledged miner. He spent much of his time in mining in Wyoming, Missouri and Illinois and took up his permanent residence in Boone in 1894, where he established himself as a wholesale and retail liquor dealer. He was at first located in the Wells house but afterward removed to 715 Allen street, where he remained fourteen years. He then changed his location to 281 Island street, buying the property and building the structure which now stands there. His present place of business is 101½ Story street and is known as the Bain block. Politically he is a democrat, taking an active part in the progress of his city, and fraternally is a member of the Benevolent Protective Order of Elks. Mary Catherine was born in Moingona, Iowa, and married P. J. Moffett, and they now reside in Denver. Sarah, a native of Moingona, remains at home. Susie, who was also born in that city, married William Gartland and they make their home with our subject. Elizabeth Jane, who was born in Moingona, graduated with the class of 1901 and is now

teaching in the public schools of Chicago, after having taught in Boone county for four years. Agnes Frances, the next in order of birth, was born in Moingona and is a graduate of the Boone parochial school. Phillip B., born in Moingona, also graduated from the Boone parochial school and then joined a surveying party of the Northwestern railroad, being now engaged in that work in the west. Mrs. Gartland died in Boone, April 1, 1911, and is buried in this city. She was a devout member of the Sacred Heart church and generous in her contributions to that institution.

Mr. Gartland is a staunch democrat and thoroughly devoted to the interests of his party. He is a member of the Sacred Heart church, the services of which he regularly attends. He enjoys in large measure the esteem and respect of his fellowmen and can look back upon his life record with pride, for all that he has achieved he has secured through his own efforts. He is now in his eightieth year and yet takes an active interest in life's affairs.

JOHN A. HULL.

The name of Hull has figured conspicuously in connection with the history of the bar of Boone county for many years, and the record of him whose name introduces this review adds new luster thereto. He began practice in 1894 and has advanced gradually as he has given proof of his ability to cope with the intricate and complex problems of law.

His birth occurred in Boonesboro, Iowa, on the 26th of March, 1871, and he is descended from Scotch, Welsh and German ancestry. The first of the family, of whom there is accurate record, was Uriah, and his wife's name was Isabelle. He was a soldier in the Revolutionary war from Virginia, and his state afterward gave him a land warrant in payment for his services and he located in Rockingham county, Virginia, on a high plateau. He owned the largest of three small prairies there, which the mountaineers called respectively, bull pasture, cow pasture and calf pasture, but about 1808 or 1809 he found settlers crowding him and sold his farm and moved further west, settling on the present site of Newark, Ohio, where his sons cut the first trees. The journey to Ohio from Virginia, was made without wagon or cart and without either path or guide. The grandfather of our subject, the Rev. Samuel Hull, was a son of this pioneer settler in the mountains of Virginia and of Licking county, Ohio. Two brothers of Rev. Samuel Hull, Dr. James and George Hull, the latter born in 1779, came to Boone county, Iowa, in 1849, and another brother, Uriah, born in 1800, came in 1851. Numerous descendants of these brothers are still residents of this section. John A. Hull, father of John A. Hull, Jr., was born in Terre Haute, Vigo county, Indiana, in the year 1831 and pursued his education in the public schools and in Asbury University at Greencastle, Indiana. Taking up the study of law, he was admitted to the bar and engaged in the practice of his profession at Madison, Tennessee. He had read law for four months at Terre Haute with Colonel R. N. Thompson. His uncles, above mentioned, having ventured into Boone county a few years before, John A. Hull, Sr., joined them in 1854 and established a law office in Boonesboro. He

rose to prominence as a representative of the bar and for many years ranked with the distinguished lawyers of his section of the state. His death occurred June 12, 1888. His wife, who bore the maiden name of Margaret Emeline Wear, was born in Madisonville, Tennessee, and died on the 15th of August, 1907, surviving her husband for almost twenty years. They were the parents of eight children: Alice, now the widow of Henry H. Leib of Boone; Mary E., the widow of R. M. Hughes, also of Boone; Mrs. Lillian C. Hostetter, deceased; Nannie M., the wife of Charles W. Barnes of Boone; Thirza, who became the wife of C. H. Bowen and has passed away; John A., of this review; and Samuel and Frank, who died in infancy.

John A. Hull has spent his entire life in Boone county, save for the period when he was pursuing his education elsewhere. At seventeen years of age he entered Simpson College at Indianola, Iowa, and his literary training served as an excellent foundation upon which to build the superstructure of his professional knowledge. After four years devoted to classical work he entered the law department of the University of Iowa and was graduated with the class of 1894. He then began practice in Boone, where he has now remained for twenty years, and throughout this period he has been accorded a liberal practice which has grown both in volume and importance as time has passed on. It is well known that he prepares his cases with thoroughness and care and that he manifests the most conscientious zeal in protecting the interests of his clients, yet he never forgets that he owes a still higher allegiance to the majesty of the law.

On the 7th of September, 1904, Mr. Hull was united in marriage to Miss Gladys Sigworth, a daughter of Dr. H. W. Sigworth, of Anamosa, Iowa. They have become parents of three children: Thirza, born October 9, 1905; John A., born April 18, 1907; and Dwight Sigworth, born August 15, 1912. In his political views Mr. Hull is a democrat, always staunchly supporting the principles of the party, yet never active in seeking office for himself. Fraternally he is connected with the Benevolent Protective Order of Elks. He is well known in Boone county, and the fact that many of his warmest friends are those who have known him from his boyhood to the present time is an indication that his life has been well spent. He has made good use of his talents and opportunities and is today one of the prominent lawyers and highly respected citizens of his native county.

JOHN CHARLES POHL.

John Charles Pohl is the owner of a farm of one hundred and sixty acres in Dodge township but leases most of his land. He is well known throughout Boone county, where he has made his home continuously since 1872. He was not yet four years of age when brought to this county by his parents, his birth having occurred in Milwaukee, Wisconsin, on the 6th of November, 1868. His parents were Fred and Wilhelmina (Motts) Pohl, the former a native of Berlin, Germany, and the latter of Steifelbaden, of the same country. In their family were nine children, four sons and five daughters. Leaving their native land the

parents sailed for America with their family and established their home in Milwaukee, Wisconsin, where they remained for a brief period and then came to Iowa, settling in Boone county in 1872, the father securing an eighty-acre tract of land in Jackson township.

Upon the homestead farm in this county John C. Pohl was reared with the usual experiences that fall to the farm lad, his time being divided between the work of the school-room, the pleasures of the playground and the duties assigned him in connection with the cultivation of the fields.

On the 25th of July, 1900, Mr. Pohl was united in marriage to Miss Julia Tatman, a native of Pocahontas county, Iowa, and they have five children: Grant, Frances, Fern, Marion and Ethel.

The family home is situated on section 34, Dodge township, where Mr. Pohl owns one hundred and sixty acres of land, but he does not farm at all owing to ill health and rents most of the place. However, he raises both shorthorn cattle and Belgian horses, and his live-stock interests are an important source of revenue to him. He drives an automobile and has many substantial improvements upon his place, which indicates his prosperity and the success which he has made in managing his business affairs. His religious faith is that of the Methodist church, and his political allegiance is given to the republican party. His long residence in the county has made him widely known, for he has lived in this section of the state for forty-two years and has therefore been a witness of many of the changes which have occurred and of the growth and development which have brought the county to its present advanced state of progress.

HON. JUSTIN R. DORAN.

Hon. Justin R. Doran is not only one of the foremost, if not the foremost, representative of agricultural interests in Beaver township, but was also for many years in the state legislature and in that connection did valuable work in promoting constructive measures which were of great benefit to the state in general and his constituency in particular. There is great credit due Mr. Doran for what he has achieved, as he has attained the substantial position which he now occupies entirely through his own efforts.

He was born in Niagara county, New York, August 8, 1850, and is a son of Patrick and Catherine (Keeley) Doran, both natives of County Carlow, Ireland. The father in early life operated a flour mill in the Emerald isle. He and his wife came to America on board the ship Richard Cobden, and they experienced the most perilous passage, the boat almost being wrecked. They landed in New York, February 1, 1849, and thence went by packet boat by way of the Erie canal to Reynolds Basin, in Niagara county, New York, where they made their home for four years. Being attracted by the promising west, they then removed to Ottawa, Illinois, where the father worked as a farm hand for a few years. Their next change of residence brought them to Livingston county, in the same state, and there Mr. Doran bought a farm, to the cultivation of which he devoted himself until his death, which occurred on November 25, 1865. His wife passed away in La Salle county, Illinois, about ten years previously, August

25, 1855. They were the parents of eight children: Edward, a well-to-do farmer of Polk county, Iowa; Ellen, the widow of C. Harvey, residing in Grand Junction, Iowa; Miss Mary, also of that city; Thomas H., a lumber dealer and stock-raiser of Burwell, Nebraska; Justin R.; John, who farms near Bradshaw, Nebraska; and two who died in infancy.

Justin R. Doran was left an orphan when fifteen years of age and at that period embarked upon an independent career, earning his living by doing chores while attending school in Livingston county. Having completed his education, he hired out as a farm hand for some time and after having gained valuable experience operated the old homestead in partnership with his brothers until 1874. In 1872, however, he and a brother purchased a corn threshing outfit, and they operated the same in Benton county, Iowa, until July of the same year, when they returned to Illinois. At the end of that time Mr. Doran sold the home place and then removed to Boone county, Iowa, where he acquired three hundred and seventy acres of his present farm, situated on section 5, Beaver township. He was the first settler on the four sections which formed the school district No. 3 and has added to his holdings from time to time until he now holds title to three thousand acres of the best improved land to be found in the neighborhood. Nearly all of the farm is located in Beaver township. Judicious management, incessant labor and modern and up-to-date methods have been the means by which Mr. Doran has attained prosperity. His place is in a most excellent condition, and his buildings are substantial and modernly equipped. Mr. Doran has always been a leader in agricultural affairs and has greatly contributed toward raising the farming standards of his section. He has been one of those men who have been successfully copied by others and who have been the backbone of the agricultural prosperity of the state.

Mr. Doran married Miss Olive F. Blanshan, a daughter of Jacob and Maria Blanshan, natives of Auburn, New York. The parents removed to Wisconsin in 1848 and resided in that state until 1874, when they came to Iowa. In Wisconsin and this state the father followed agricultural labors throughout his life. He was prominent politically, serving in the Wisconsin state legislature, and was also a member of the board of county supervisors for a number of years. He died in 1890, and his wife passed away in February, 1902. To Mr. and Mrs. Doran thirteen children were born: Lester G.; Alfred T., who died at the age of one year; Alexander R.; Eugene B.; Benjamin B.; Oliver E.; Lucia S.; Maud H.; Laut H.; Mamie C.; Milo T.; Daisy E.; and John Keeley, who died at the age of two and one-half years.

Mr. Doran has always given his allegiance to the republican party and has been a most prominent factor in its affairs in the state. He is not only a leader in agricultural matters, but deeply interested in other fields of progress. He was a state legislator for four long sessions and two short ones and during this time was one of the foremost men in the assembly in committee rooms as well as upon the floor. His views of life are those of a broad-minded man, who has delved deep into the questions of vital importance and who has proven himself a master of those affairs which make up life's experiences. For many years he has served as trustee of Beaver township and in this capacity has exerted an influence as important to his township as his services were to the state. He is a member of the Masonic lodge at Grand Junction and belongs to the lodge of

the Independent Order of Odd Fellows at Ogden. He has been adjuster of the Boone County Farmers Mutual Insurance Company for six years, acting in that capacity for all the territory west of the Des Moines river in Boone and adjoining counties. Mr. Doran is a courteous, affable and approachable gentleman, ever ready to do a kindness to those who need his services. He has many friends in Boone county in business, social and political circles. He is conversant with the leading issues and questions of the day and all affairs which particularly affect his locality. As a citizen he stands high, as an agriculturist he is a leader and as a man he is respected highly for what he has achieved and the principles which have guided his conduct.

J. W. BRITTAIN.

Beautiful "Fairview" is the home of J. W. Brittain. The place is situated in Dodge township, and the home stands upon a knoll, commanding a splendid view of the surrounding country. In fact, one can look for miles over the district and take in the details of the farm of two hundred and sixty acres, which, devoted to the raising of crops and stock, is one of the best improved properties of Boone county. Here Mr. Brittain resides, carefully controlling his business interests, and his success is the result of close application, sound judgment and unfaltering enterprise.

A native of Pennsylvania, J. W. Brittain was born in Lucerne county, December 29, 1848, a son of Jacob and Cassandra (Myers) Brittain. The father was of English descent and was a son of Joseph Brittain, who was reared upon Long Island, where his father had settled on coming from England to the new world. Jacob Brittain, who was born December 27, 1813, passed away on the 3d of January, 1871. His wife, who was born in 1818, survived him for over twenty-two years, dying in March, 1893.

J. W. Brittain was reared in the Keystone state and when a young man of twenty-five years came, in 1873, to Boone county upon a visit to his uncle. He did not remain at that time but after two years returned and for ten years was a member of his uncle's family. Upon the death of his uncle he purchased the farm and has since made his home thereon. He is now the owner of two hundred and sixty acres of rich and valuable land that responds readily to the care and labor he bestows upon it. He is regarded as a successful agriculturist and stock-raiser. His methods of tilling the soil and caring for the crops are progressive, and he keeps on hand high grades of stock, for which he finds a ready sale upon the market. His farm is one of the most pleasing and attractive features in the landscape, and his home is one of the most beautiful in his section of the county. It is large and commodious, built in modern style of architecture, is tastefully furnished and, moreover, is a most hospitable one, so that it is a favorite resort with the many friends of the family.

In 1882 Mr. Brittain was united in marriage to Miss Elnora A. Gibbons, who was born in Boone county in 1859. Her parents were John H. and Sarah A. (Moore) Gibbons, the former a native of Ohio and the latter of Pennsylvania. They removed westward to Boone county in 1855, and four years later their



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daughter Elnora was born. Two children were born unto Mr. and Mrs. Brittain, but both died in early childhood during an epidemic of diphtheria. Mr. and Mrs. Brittain are widely and favorably known and have a large circle of warm friends. For fifteen years Mr. Brittain filled the office of township trustee, his long continuance in that position indicating his capability and fidelity. For about forty-one years he has lived in this county and has a wide acquaintance. He is accounted a worthy representative of the best class of citizens and is a recognized leader in agricultural progress.

WALLACE FARLEY.

With the business interests of Boone county Wallace Farley of Ogden has been closely associated. He is now one of the stockholders and vice president of the City State Bank, and he has made extensive investments in real estate and in commercial paper. He was born in Canada, March 4, 1848, and is a son of Peter V. and Elizabeth (Canniff) Farley, both of whom were natives of the same country. The father arrived in this county in 1870 and engaged in farming, winning substantial success through his well directed labors. He had come to Iowa a number of years before, removing from Illinois to this state in 1866. He took an active part in public affairs and was a member of the board of supervisors. His death occurred in 1892, while his wife passed away on the 6th of March, 1852.

Wallace Farley was reared and educated in the public schools of Illinois and of Iowa, completing his studies at Mount Vernon, this state. He then came to Boone county, where he engaged in farming for six years, and in the fall of 1875 he established his home in Ogden, where he opened a lumberyard, a hardware and implement store and also engaged in the grain business. He was active along those lines for five years and for two years he handled cattle and dealt in real estate. He is a man of determined purpose, carrying forward to successful completion whatever he undertakes, and in business affairs he has brooked no obstacles that could be overcome by determined, persistent and honorable effort. In 1884 he erected a building and organized the City Bank, which he conducted for twenty-three years as a private banking institution. He then sold most of his stock, the bank was reorganized as a state bank and Mr. Farley was chosen vice president. The institution is today called the City State Bank of Ogden. It is in a flourishing condition and its success is due in large measure to the enterprising and substantial measures established by Mr. Farley in connection with its conduct. As the years have passed on he has embraced his opportunity for investment in real estate and has extensive property holdings. He has also conducted a bond brokerage business and is himself the owner of much valuable paper.

In June, 1869, Mr. Farley was united in marriage to Miss Julia A. Bridgeman, a daughter of Benjamin and Lucy A. Bridgeman, natives of Ohio and pioneer settlers of Boone county, Iowa, where they followed farming. The father passed away in 1906, having for a number of years survived his wife,

who died in California about 1880. Unto Mr. and Mrs. Farley were born two children: Elizabeth C., at home; and Edith M., who died in January, 1913.

Mr. Farley, interested in the public welfare, has served as a member of the city council and also on the school board. Fraternally he is connected with the Masons, and he also wears the little bronze button of the Grand Army of the Republic, for he enlisted in 1864 as a member of Company B, One Hundred and Forty-second Illinois Volunteer Infantry, and served until the close of the war. His political faith has always been that of the republican party, and his religious belief that of the Methodist church. Sterling traits of manhood and citizenship have long been exemplified in his life, and he is well known in Boone county, where he has now made his home for more than four decades.

PATRICK H. JUDGE.

Patrick H. Judge is the owner of a farm of one hundred and sixty acres, on which he resides, situated on section 14, Des Moines township. He is numbered among the extensive landowners of this part of the state, his possessions aggregating four farms, three of which are situated in Des Moines township, this county, and one in Story county, Iowa. His investments have always been judiciously made, and his sound judgment finds expression in his purchase of valuable property.

Mr. Judge was born in Troy, New York, March 14, 1853, and comes of Irish ancestry, his paternal grandparents being James and Ann (Hill) Judge, natives of the green isle of Erin. James Judge, father of our subject, was born in County Roscommon, Ireland, in 1829, acquired his education there and when eighteen years of age came to the United States. He was employed at different places in the state of New York, working as a farm hand at three and four dollars per month, but his industry and worth became recognized and won him advancement. He was married in Troy, New York, to Miss Bridget Kelly who was born in County Galway, Ireland, a daughter of Patrick and Bridget (Mooney) Kelly. James Judge's people were well-to-do, owning one hundred acres of land, which is a large estate for Ireland. The brothers of Mrs. Judge, finely educated men, taught school in Ireland and ranked high in educational circles. Two of her brothers, James and John, came to the United States, and their sister Bridget followed their example, giving her hand in marriage in Troy, New York, to James Judge. They conducted a grocery store in Troy for a time but the family removed to Janesville, Wisconsin, where a house and lot was purchased. There, however, Mr. Judge became ill with fever and ague, a disease very common at that time, and left Janesville for Monroe, Wisconsin. In 1872 he removed to Iowa, settling in Colfax township, Boone county, where he passed away on the 16th of December, 1907, his remains being interred in Boone. His political indorsement was given to the democratic party. His wife passed away August 11, 1901. She was a member of Sacred Heart church.

Patrick H. Judge was but two years of age when the removal was made from New York to Janesville, Wisconsin, where the family remained for four years and then went to Green county, that state, settling near Monroe. There

Patrick H. Judge was sent to the public schools, and later he completed his education in Dane county, Wisconsin. He worked upon his father's farm from boyhood until he attained his majority. In 1872 the family came to Iowa, reaching Boone county on the 10th of May. All the members of the family made the journey with three teams and wagons, and three of them drove three cows from their Wisconsin home to this state. The family residence was established upon a farm in Colfax township, the father purchasing eighty acres of land, to which he added by subsequent purchase. In the work of tilling the soil Patrick H. Judge bore his part but left home at the age of twenty-one years and went to work for a dairyman, Thomas Barrett, of Franklin township, Story county, with whom he remained nine months as an employe in Mr. Barrett's cheese factory. He afterward spent some time at home, building fences, etc., thus allowing his younger brothers to attend school by relieving them of the necessity of aiding in the farm work. Later he was employed at Ames College in 1876, working under Professor Morrow, who was engaged in experimental agricultural work. Mr. Judge's father then gave him a team and in 1877, boarding at home, he began the cultivation of a forty-acre tract of land which he leased from Dan Clark, of Story county. Mr. Judge farmed that place until the following fall and sold his corn at twelve cents per bushel after giving Mr. Clark one-half of the yield as rental for the place. He spent a summer in Grundy county, where he was employed by a German named Franken, receiving a dollar and a half per day. From his earnings he saved nearly one hundred dollars. He had previously invested in a forty-acre tract of railroad land in Colfax township, Boone county, and purchasing stock, he put them on that tract. He invested his money in hogs at a dollar and a quarter per hundred pounds, fattened them and sold them for five dollars per hundred. The money which he thus earned he invested in another forty-acre tract near his original purchase and in 1879 he added still another forty acres. Thus gradually he increased his holdings, for as he gained sufficient capital he made other purchases, his investments being most judicious.

In 1890 Mr. Judge was married to Miss Catherine Coleman, a native of Wayne township, Monroe county, Iowa, born September 9, 1867. Her parents were Joseph and Bridget (Finnell) Coleman, both of whom were natives of Ireland, the former born in County Tipperary and the latter in County Clare. They came to the United States in early life, landing in New York, and were married in Wisconsin. They afterward settled in Dubuque and thence went to St. Louis, where they lived for nine years. On the expiration of that period they returned to Iowa, settling in Monroe county upon a farm of four hundred acres which the father purchased. He died January 1, 1900, at the age of seventy-five years, and his wife passed away in 1901, at the age of seventy-six years.

Following their marriage Mr. and Mrs. Judge had begun their domestic life upon a farm in Colfax township, where he owned a half section, but since then he has disposed of that property. In March, 1902, he removed to his present farm. He had built a fine home upon the place in Colfax township, and he has his present property well improved. The home place comprises one hundred and sixty acres on section 14, Des Moines township, and his holdings include two other farms in the same township and one in Story county, from which he derives a gratifying annual income.

Unto Mr. and Mrs. Judge have been born four children: Joseph, who was born August 9, 1891; James Francis, born December 3, 1892; John W., September 1, 1896; and Henry A., October 7, 1898. The family is well known, and Mr. Judge ranks with the representative agriculturists of the county. He has been the architect of his own fortunes and has builded wisely and well. Industry has been the keynote of his success. He has labored long and diligently, his efforts intelligently directed, and as a result of his perseverance and determination he ranks now with the representative and prosperous farmers of the county.

OSMAN L. CLAPP.

Osman L. Clapp, an engineer on the Chicago & Northwestern, connected with the passenger service between Boone and Omaha for the past sixteen years, has been continuously in the employ of the corporation which he now represents since the 8th of August, 1876, at which time he became a switchman under S. L. Moore, then yardmaster. Gradually he has worked his way upward, and his fidelity to duty is recognized by the company, as is plainly indicated in his long retention in the service. He was born at Fitchburg, Dane county, Wisconsin, March 31, 1857, and was the fourth in order of birth in a family of nine children, six of whom are yet living. He was reared upon a farm, with the usual experiences of the farm lad. His parents were George W. and Sally (Black) Clapp, both of whom were natives of Onondaga county, New York. They were born, reared and married near Geneva, that state, their wedding being celebrated in 1850. Soon afterward they removed westward to Wisconsin and began their domestic life upon the farm which Mr. Clapp had entered from the government in 1848. With characteristic energy he began to develop his fields and there resided until called to the home beyond. The father died December 31, 1900, at the age of seventy-seven years, and the mother was seventy-six years of age when she passed away in 1907. Both were of English descent. At the time of the Civil war George W. Clapp enlisted for service in the Union army, but illness prevented him from going to the front.

It was upon the old homestead farm in Wisconsin that Osman L. Clapp was reared. He early became familiar with the duties and labors that fall to the lot of the agriculturist and, while working in the fields through the summer months, he devoted the winter seasons to the acquirement of a public-school education. He favored mechanical rather than agricultural pursuits, however, and when a youth of nineteen years entered railway service as a switchman in the employ of the Chicago & Northwestern at Boone. Later he became connected with the yard service and afterward entered the locomotive engineering department and for the past thirty-one years has been an engineer, acting in that capacity on freight trains for some time, while for the past sixteen years he has been an engineer in the passenger service. There has never been an accident to his train when the fault was his. He is most careful and painstaking, recognizing how important is the duty that devolves upon him, and his worth and fidelity are recognized by the company which he represents.

Mr. Clapp has been married twice. He first wedded Miss Mary Warner, who was born in Warren county, Pennsylvania, and during her infancy was brought to Boone by her parents. Three children were born of that union. Arthur L., who is a graduate of the State College at Ames, is now roadmaster of the Southern Illinois division of the Chicago & Northwestern Railroad, with headquarters at Pekin, Illinois. He married Emma Skinner and has a daughter, Lajene. Mary Ruth, the second member of the family, is a noted violinist and pianist of Urbana, Illinois, where she has charge of the music in the public schools. She had previously traveled for a year in connection with the Lyceum Bureau. She is a graduate of the American Conservatory of Music, in which she won a gold medal and made the highest record. Charlotte is head saleslady in the millinery department of a large store in Des Moines. The wife and mother passed away October 1, 1910, when almost fifty years of age. She was a member of the Presbyterian church, in which faith the children were reared. For his second wife Mr. Clapp chose Mrs. Rachel J. Williams, nee Ballou. She was born in Missouri and prior to her present marriage had lived in Pottawattamie county, Iowa, where she still owns a farm.

Politically Mr. Clapp was reared a democrat, but now votes independently, supporting men and measures rather than party ties. He is connected with the Brotherhood of Locomotive Engineers, and his wife is a member of its ladies' auxiliary. They reside at No. 526 Benton street, in an attractive home which he has remodeled and improved, and in Boone, where he has long resided, they have an extensive circle of warm friends.

ORVILLE M. THATCHER.

Orville M. Thatcher, the well known cashier of the Luther Savings Bank and one of the most progressive young business men of the town, was born in Grant township, Dallas county, Iowa, and spent his early life upon a farm. His father, M. H. Thatcher, was born in Clinton county, Ohio, and came to Iowa in 1867, settling on a farm in Dallas county, where he is now living retired. In connection with general farming he was at one time extensively interested in stock-raising and in business affairs prospered until he is now regarded as one of the well-to-do men of his community. He was one of the defenders of the Union during the Civil war. His wife is also a native of Clinton county, Ohio, and is still living. They had seven children, namely: Frances, now the wife of J. T. Thatcher, a resident of Kansas; Silas J., of Altoona, Iowa; Harriet, the wife of O. M. Coate of Orange, California; Virginia, the wife of A. B. Coate of Des Moines, Iowa; Martha, at home; Catherine, the wife of O. B. Price, of Dallas county; and Orville M., of this review.

Orville M. Thatcher received good educational advantages, first attending the public schools and later the schools of Des Moines and Dixon, Illinois, where he pursued a college course and was graduated in 1903. He then entered the private banking house of W. J. Stewart of Grimes, Iowa, as assistant cashier, remaining there one year. In July, 1904, he came to Luther as cashier of the Luther Savings Bank, which he and his father, M. H. Thatcher, organized at

that time. His father is now president of the institution, while Oscar Oakleaf of Madrid, is the vice president, with our subject as cashier and Charles Goodrich assistant cashier. This is one of the safe, conservative financial institutions of the county, and those at its head are reliable and enterprising business men.

Orville M. Thatcher was married on the 26th of June, 1907, to Miss Lillie Eckersley, who was born in Iroquois county, Illinois, a daughter of Henry H. and Harriet (Hunt) Eckersley. Her father was born, reared and educated in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, and in early life learned the machinist's trade. During the Civil war he entered the service and for four years was connected with the marines. During a terrible storm he was saved from a watery grave by the ship Sabine. On leaving the east he removed to Chicago and later to a farm in Grundy county, Illinois, and from there to Iroquois county, the same state, but now makes his home in Wright county, Iowa. His wife died in Illinois. In their family were eight children, namely: Sadie, who is now a school teacher in Iroquois county, Illinois; Anna, the wife of John Lovelace of that county; Cornelia; Harry, a resident of Iroquois county; William and Thomas, both of Wright county, Iowa; John, of Iroquois county, Illinois; and Lillie, the wife of our subject. Mr. and Mrs. Thatcher have two children, Wilbur Clayton and Orville Donald. The parents hold membership in the Methodist Episcopal church, in the work of which they take a very active interest, Mr. Thatcher serving at the present time as superintendent of the Sunday school. He is republican in politics, and takes a commendable interest in public affairs, never withholding his support from any enterprise which he believes calculated to promote the moral or material welfare of his community.

C. H. RECKSEEN.

C. H. Reckseen is well known in business circles of Madrid as manager of the Rex Lumber Company, owning one of the best equipped lumber yards in central Iowa. His birth occurred in Sweden in 1876, his parents being Swan and Christina Peterson, likewise natives of that country. In 1888 the family emigrated to the United States, coming directly to Boone county, Iowa, and taking up their abode on a farm in Colfax township. The parents now reside in a new and modern home at Madrid and are among the well known and highly esteemed people of the community. Unto them were born eleven children, as follows: Alfred, who is a resident of High Bridge, Iowa; Mrs. Anna Clay, living in Des Moines, Iowa; Lina, who is deceased; Maria, who has also passed away; John Albert, who makes his home with his parents in Madrid; Edwin, a resident of Colfax township; Matilda, who is living in Des Moines, Iowa; C. H., of this review; Mrs. Maria Young, of Colorado Springs, Colorado; Mrs. Hulda Olson, of Chicago, Illinois; Mrs. Oscar Anderson, living in Colfax township. All the above named were natives of Sweden.

C. H. Reckseen, who was a youth of twelve years when he accompanied his parents on their emigration to the new world, acquired his education in the common schools and also pursued a course of study in the Capital City Commercial College at Des Moines, Iowa. He was subsequently employed as a bookkeeper



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for one year and in 1900 became identified with the lumber business, in which he has remained continuously since. He spent six years at Des Moines and two years in Denver, Colorado, and for the past six years has acted as manager of the Rex Lumber Company of Madrid, Iowa, conducting one of the finest equipped lumber yards to be found in the central part of the state. Mr. Reckseen is widely recognized as a man of excellent business ability, sound judgment and scrupulous integrity, and his efforts have contributed in no uncertain degree to the continued prosperity of the concern with which he is connected. He is a heavy stockholder in the Rex Lumber Company, owns an attractively appointed home in Madrid and is numbered among the substantial and representative citizens of the county.

In 1906 Mr. Reckseen was united in marriage to Miss Emelia Timan, who was born in Sweden in 1880, her parents being Mr. and Mrs. C. J. Timan, likewise natives of that country. They emigrated to the United States and established their home at Laurens, Pocahontas county, Iowa, where the father turned his attention to agricultural pursuits. He is now a resident of Madrid, this state, but the mother passed away in Laurens. Unto Mr. and Mrs. C. J. Timan were born five children, namely: Adolph, who is a resident of Laurens, Iowa; Mrs. Anna Bergling, of St. James, Minnesota; Hulda, living in Denver, Colorado; Mrs. Emelia Reckseen; and Carl, who is a resident of Hayfield, Iowa. Mr. and Mrs. Reckseen have one son, Harold Timan, who was born in Denver, Colorado, on the 6th of October, 1907, and is now a public-school student of Madrid.

Mr. Reckseen is a republican in politics and a prominent factor in the local ranks of the party, being now a republican committeeman of Douglas township. He is likewise the president of the board of education of Madrid and in this connection has made a highly commendable and creditable record. He is a man of strongly marked character who has come to be recognized as a forceful element in the community and his sterling personal traits of character have won him the high regard and confidence of all with whom he has been associated.

EDWARD H. WANE.

Edward H. Wane, a well known farmer and stock-raiser, owning and operating a good farm of one hundred and thirty-two acres on the state road in Worth township, was born on the old Wane homestead in Des Moines township, this county, February 18, 1862. He is a brother of J. W. Wane, in whose sketch extended mention is made of the family. Reared in Des Moines township, he is indebted to its public schools for the educational privileges he enjoyed during his boyhood and youth. On leaving the home farm he was connected for two years with the conduct of a grocery store at Boone, being in partnership with his brother, but the greater part of his life has been devoted to farming. He purchased his present place, known as the old George W. Brown farm, on section 11, Worth township, and has since erected a good residence, barn and other outbuildings, and in connection with the cultivation of the land he devotes considerable attention to the raising of graded stock.

Mr. Wane was married in this county to Miss Lenora Brown, who was born August 29, 1867. Her father, George W. Brown, was a native of England, born in Norfolk county, March 22, 1820, and at the age of sixteen years went to Canada with his mother and three sisters, but shortly after their arrival there he settled in Watertown, New York. In 1837 he began learning the saddler's trade, which he continued to follow until 1849, when he removed to Antwerp and engaged in business for himself for five years. He was a self-educated, as well as a self-made man and became a great leader and student. In 1855 he came to Iowa, locating in Worth township, Boone county, where he converted an old schoolhouse into a residence. This building is still standing upon the farm, and many of the early residents of the neighborhood were educated there. Mr. Brown was married January 2, 1844, to Miss Sophia L. Fluno, of New York, and to them were born ten children, namely: Mary, the wife of C. T. Norton; Harriett, the wife of Frank Woosley; Charles B., a resident of Boone, Iowa; Jane, the wife of J. H. Pilcher; George; Frank; Clarence; and Lenora, the wife of our subject. A son, William, was accidentally shot in September, 1876, and one child died in infancy. Mr. Brown passed away August 29, 1906, and his wife died five months later, on the 19th of January, 1907. She was born July 3, 1826, in the Empire state. Beside their children, they left thirty-six grandchildren and sixteen great-grandchildren. Mr. Brown was a member of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows and was a man highly esteemed by all who knew him.

Eight children blessed the union of Mr. and Mrs. Wane, all of whom were born in this county, namely: Mrs. Opal McCaskey, who was born March 3, 1890, and has one daughter, Alice Loraine; Mrs. Ruth Marie Hannum, born January 21, 1892; Mabel May, born April 29, 1894; John Howard, July 18, 1896; Alice Louise, November 9, 1903; Florence Avis, September 11, 1905; Loran Brown, August 11, 1908; and James Edward, June 13, 1912. In his religious views Mr. Wane is liberal, and in politics he is a republican. He has served as township trustee, but has never cared for the honors or emoluments of public office, preferring to devote his time and energies to his business affairs. He is, however, public-spirited and cooperates in all movements which he believes will prove a benefit to his community.

HUGH A. CHAMBERS.

On the roster of county officials in Boone county appears the name of Hugh A. Chambers, who is making a creditable record in the capacity of surveyor. His birth occurred in Columbus, Indiana, on the 5th of August, 1873, his parents being G. S. and Amelia (Murphy) Chambers, who are natives of North Carolina and Indiana respectively. In 1879 the family home was established in Boone county, Iowa, and here the father embarked in the grocery business, also following farming near Madrid. Subsequently he was engaged in the machinery business at Des Moines but at the present time is living retired in California with his wife.

Hugh A. Chambers, an only child, pursued a high-school course in Des Moines and also spent two years as a student in the Iowa State College of Agriculture and

Mechanical Arts at Ames, where he received his training as a civil engineer. In 1895 he was graduated from the University of Michigan at Ann Arbor and then was connected with government work on Lake Superior for a short time. Later he was in the service of the King Bridge Company at Cleveland, Ohio, and afterward went to Cripple Creek, Colorado, where he remained for a year and a half. Subsequently he spent about a year as civil engineer with the Denver & Rio Grande Railway and other roads until 1900. In that year he came to Boone and entered the service of the Chicago & Northwestern Railway. Several years ago he was elected county surveyor and in that capacity he is now ably serving, discharging his important duties in a highly commendable and efficient manner. His fraternal relations are with the Masons, the Benevolent Protective Order of Elks and the Knights of Pythias. He is an energetic, useful and worthy resident of the county, and in all the relations of life he has been true to high and honorable standards.

CHARLES E. MUENCH.

After a long life devoted to agricultural labors Charles E. Muench now lives in Pilot Mound in the enjoyment of a comfortable competence. He was born in Dauphin county, Pennsylvania, December 29, 1844, and is a son of Jacob D. and Solma (Myers) Muench, natives of Dauphin county. Although the father was a shoemaker by trade, he gave his attention mostly to farming and followed that occupation in Pennsylvania until his death in 1845. His widow survived him until 1884.

Charles E. Muench was reared and educated in Dauphin county and remained with his mother on the home farm until he reached his majority. He then engaged independently in agricultural pursuits, remaining in Pennsylvania for six years. However, he did not attain the desired success and, perceiving the opportunities of the middle west, decided to remove there. When he left he had just enough means to take him to Illinois. There he arrived in 1871 and farmed for eight years. He then came to Boone county, Iowa, where he rented the John L. Good farm for one year and then bought eighty acres in Grant township, applying himself to the cultivation of this tract. Prosperity was the outcome of his close application here. He subsequently was able to acquire an adjoining one hundred and twenty acres and later added forty acres, so that his farm comprised two hundred and forty acres. He always followed the most modern and improved methods and brought his land to a high state of cultivation. His buildings were kept in good repair, and the latest equipment and machinery could be found upon his farm. As time passed on his fortune increased, and in 1902 he was able to retire and moved to Pilot Mound, where he bought a handsome home on two acres of land. He has recently acquired another residence adjoining the one which is his home and which also is surrounded by two acres of ground.

On the 13th of March, 1864, Mr. Muench was united in marriage to Miss Elizabeth Schreffler, a daughter of Harry and Catherine (Saltzer) Schreffler, who were born in Dauphin county, Pennsylvania. The father followed farming

in his native state, where he died in 1854, his widow surviving him until 1864. Mrs. Muench was born in Dauphin county, April 3, 1845. She bore her husband ten children, as follows: Ida, Harry, Mary, Catherine; Charles, who died in 1901; George, Garfield, Edna, Della and Rose. Mr. Muench served for fifteen years as trustee of Grant township and always gave his support to progressive measures while a resident thereof. After coming to Pilot Mound he was elected mayor of the town and served as executive for two years. He also served as a member of the city council for seven years. He is a stockholder in the Farmers Elevator Company of Pilot Mound and fraternally is connected with the Independent Order of Odd Fellows, of which he has been a member for forty-six years. His religious faith is that of the German Reformed church, and politically he is a republican. He stands high in the respect and esteem of his fellow citizens and well merits the confidence which is placed in him.

CHARLES H. SEILING.

Charles H. Seiling, who is to be numbered among the substantial business men of Boone, is engaged in this city in the wholesale liquor business and also is the special representative for the Pabst Brewing Company of Milwaukee. In the discharge of his business affairs he has acquired a reputation for honesty and fair dealing which is enviable and has built up an extensive business because of these qualities.

Mr. Seiling was born in Boone, August 3, 1870, and is a son of Frederick and Minnie (Granson) Seiling, natives of Germany, the former born in Hanover. He was a tailor by trade and followed that occupation in his native land and after coming to the United States. His education was meager and after arriving in this country as a young man he made his way to Rochelle, Illinois, where he worked at tailoring, and thence to Wheatland, Iowa. Twice he endeavored to enlist for service in the Civil war but broke his leg upon one occasion and met with a serious accident at the next time before reaching his place of destination. He came to Boone in the fall of 1866 and conducted a tailor shop until his death on November 14, 1893. His political allegiance was given to the democratic party, and he was a member of the German Lutheran church. His widow, who also holds membership in that church, still resides in Boone, making her home with her son Otto. Her father, Christopher Granson, participated in the Civil war and died in Boone at the age of ninety years. Mr. and Mrs. Seiling, Sr., were the parents of the following children: Louis A., who is married and resides in Schaller, Iowa; Henry, of Boone, who married Miss Margaret Curtis, of Kansas; Frederick, deceased; Edward H., who died in Spokane, Washington, March 9, 1909, and who was the founder of the business now owned by our subject; Charles H., of this review; Otto, of Boone; John H., who died in Boone in February, 1912; and Kate, who died at the age of four years. Edward H. Seiling was twice married and had one daughter, Marie, by his first wife, a Miss Reese. The daughter, a resident of Spokane, received an excellent education, being a graduate of Vassar College.



CHARLES H. SEILING

Charles H. Seiling of this review attended the Boone public schools until fourteen years of age, working for the following nine years as a tinner and coppersmith in the shops of the Northwestern Railway. He then removed with his brother, Louis A., to Oklahoma, where they took up a claim of one hundred and sixty acres of land, building a store there which they operated from the spring of 1893 until the fall of 1895. At the end of that period Mr. Seiling of this review returned to Boone, entering the employ of his brother, Edward H., in the business which our subject now owns. The firm is located at Ninth and Keeler streets. Mr. Seiling took over his brother's interest in **February, 1912**, after the latter's death. He has since been very successful in the conduct of his business and is numbered among the substantial residents of Boone.

On October 10, 1899, Mr. Seiling married in Ogden, Iowa, Miss Anna Matz, of that city, a daughter of Hans and Margaret Matz. They have one son, Frederick Otto, who was born in Boone, November 11, 1902. Mr. Seiling was baptized in the Lutheran church and has ever since been loyal to its tenets. He is a stanch democrat, thoroughly in accord with the aims of that party, whose candidates he supports at the polls. Fraternally he is a member of Central Lodge, No. 73, Knights of Pythias. In a quiet way he has contributed much toward the progress of Boone and in all his relations of life has ever shown himself trustworthy, faithful and dependable.

CHARLES M. VAN GORDER.

Charles M. Van Gorder has since 1884 been continuously a resident of Boone and for the past twenty years has been a regular passenger conductor on the Chicago & Northwestern Railroad. He was born in Elmira, Chemung county, New York, in 1855, a son of Henry and Harriet (Murray) Van Gorder. The paternal grandfather, John Van Gorder, was the founder of the family in America, coming to the new world from his native land of Holland. The father, a native of Chemung county, followed farming throughout his active life, save for the period in which he put aside all business and personal considerations to serve as a soldier in the Civil war, becoming a member of the One Hundred and Forty-first New York Regiment, with which he was on active duty on many a hotly contested battlefield. He died in December, 1910, at the ripe old age of eighty-four years. His wife was born and reared in Elmira, New York, and was of Scotch lineage. She was a member of the Baptist church and had many excellent qualities. In the family of Mr. and Mrs. Henry Van Gorder were three daughters and four sons, and with the exception of one son all are yet living.

Charles M. Van Gorder spent his youthful days in his native county and attended the public schools. At twenty years of age he made his way westward to Boone, where he followed farming for several years, or until 1882. He then went upon the railroad as a brakeman and in 1884 was advanced to the position of freight conductor, in which capacity he continued until 1893, when he was made a passenger conductor on the western division of the Chicago & Northwestern Railroad. He has since acted in that capacity and the record is a credit-

able one as is indicated by the fact that for almost a third of a century he has been retained in the employ of this corporation.

Mr. Van Gorder has been married twice. In Audubon county, Iowa, he wedded Miss Alice Frederick, and they became parents of one child. On the 22d of August, 1911, in Urbana, Illinois, Mr. Van Gorder married Mrs. Evalyn Gustafson, nee Pike, who was born in Warren county, New York, as were her parents and grandparents. Her father, Richard Pike, is still living in New York. The family, of English and Scotch descent, have always been Episcopalians in religious faith. By her former marriage Mrs. Van Gorder had a son, C. Le Roy Gustafson, who is a graduate of the Illinois State University and now an architect of Urbana, Illinois. The mother came to Boone in 1879. Her first husband was also with the Chicago & Northwestern as a trainman and was killed in 1905.

Politically Mr. Van Gorder is a republican and, although he never seeks nor desires office, he is always interested in political questions and measures. He is well known in Masonic circles, having been initiated into the order in Carroll county, Iowa, as a member of Mount Olive Lodge, No. 79, A. F. & A. M. He also belongs to the chapter of Boone, to the commandery of Jefferson, to the consistory of Clinton, Iowa, and the Mystic Shrine at Des Moines. Mrs. Van Gorder is a member of the Eastern Star chapter at Urbana and of the White Shrine of Champaign, and her son is a member of the blue lodge of Boone and the chapter and commandery of Champaign, Illinois. Mr. Van Gorder is likewise connected with the Order of Railway Conductors at Boone. Mrs. Van Gorder belongs to the Episcopal church and is a member of several ladies' auxiliary societies. In 1911 they erected an attractive home at No. 604 Linn street, Boone, of which Mrs. Van Gorder's son was the architect.

JAMES CHARLES JUDGE.

James Charles Judge is one of the most prosperous of Boone county's farmers, being the owner of four hundred and twenty acres of fertile land, his home being on section 23, Colfax township. He also holds title to an additional two hundred acres in this county, one hundred and twenty of which are in Des Moines township. He was born in Monroe county, Wisconsin, near the town of Albany, on the 24th of September, 1861, his parents being James and Bridget (Kelley) Judge, extended mention of whom is made in the sketch of Ralph Judge of Des Moines township. The Kelleys came to the United States at about the same time as James Judge and located for a time in New York. An uncle of our subject, John Kelley, went to New Orleans, where he engaged in business and where his death occurred about 1865. James Kelley, brother of John, lived for a time in Madison, Wisconsin, where he conducted a fuel business for several years, but later removed to Milwaukee, where he passed away in 1913.

James Charles Judge was but ten years of age when the family came to Boone county. His primary education had been acquired in Green county, Wisconsin, and he became a pupil in the Colfax township schools of this county. At the age of eighteen his formal schooling was over and he devoted his time to the work of the farm. When twenty-one he left his father's home and began

his independent career. He purchased eighty acres on section 23, Colfax township, on which he built a small house on the site of his present commodious dwelling. He has successfully carried on general farming and stock-raising until he is now one of the large landowners of the county. His prosperity has not been due to chance but to his own foresight and wise management, and the competence which he enjoys affords added satisfaction because so well earned.

On the 17th of October, 1893, Mr. Judge was united in marriage to Miss Maggie Coleman, who was born March 24, 1862, at St. Louis, and received her education in Monroe county, Iowa, whither her father, Joseph Coleman, took his family when she was but three or four years of age. Mr. Coleman was a native of County Tipperary, Ireland. The children born to the union of Mr. and Mrs. Judge are: William H., whose birth occurred September 6, 1894; Charles L., born March 2, 1896; James E., August 16, 1898; Theresa L., June 17, 1900; Richard C., June 2, 1903; and Emmet C., March 25, 1907.

The parents are members of the St. Cecelia Roman Catholic church at Ames, Iowa. Mr. Judge gives his political allegiance to the democratic party and has held a number of township offices. He is a member of the Knights of Columbus. His life has been a distinct asset to Boone county and his just reward is the sincere esteem of all who know him.

THOMAS E. MEANS.

Twenty-five years have come and gone since Thomas E. Means took up his abode in Boone and for twenty-four years of that time he has been engaged in the real-estate, abstract, loan and insurance business. He joined his brother William B. Means in the conduct of a business of that character, and they have since been associated under the firm name of Means Brothers. It is not difficult to determine the secret of their success, for close application and energy have ever guided them in all of their business relations.

Thomas E. Means was born near Paris, Illinois, in April, 1865, and is a son of John C. and Margaret (Shelledy) Means. His father was a pioneer of Edgar county, Illinois, where he arrived in 1823, at the age of six years, in company with his parents, William and Susan (Seal) Means, who removed from Ohio to Illinois. William Means, however, was a native of Staunton, Virginia, and lived in South Carolina for some time before going to Ohio. In the last named state he remained until 1823 and then went to Illinois when his son John C. was a little lad of six summers. The death of William Means occurred in 1848. Under the parental roof John C. Means spent his boyhood and youth. He was about eighty years of age ere death called him in 1897. He married Margeret Shelledy, who was born near West Union, Adams county, Ohio, a daughter of G. B. Shelledy, who was a pioneer lawyer and a contemporary of Abraham Lincoln. Some correspondence which passed between the two includes a letter from Mr. Lincoln to Mr. Shelledy, which is now in the curator's department of the state capitol at Des Moines. Mr. Shelledy died about 1846, when a comparatively young man. His daughter Margaret reached the ripe old age of seventy years, passing away in March, 1897. She and all the members of

the family were Presbyterians in religious faith, and her belief found expression in the beauty of her life and in the kindly spirit manifest toward those with whom she was associated.

Thomas E. Means was the ninth in order of birth in a family of ten children, of whom eight are yet living. There were also two cousins who were reared by his parents, and all the others of the household remained at or near the old Illinois home. Thomas E. Means spent his youthful days in Edgar county, Illinois, and in the acquirement of his education attended the high school at Paris, from which he was graduated. In early manhood he engaged in teaching for some months and then went to Boone, Iowa, since which time he has been engaged in abstract work and in his present business. He joined his brother William B. Means in 1893, and under the firm style of Means Brothers they have since conducted an abstract, loan, real-estate and insurance business.

In 1893 Mr. Means was united in marriage to Miss Agnes Kennedy, a native of Hendricks county, Indiana, and a daughter of Dr. L. H. Kennedy, who was a surgeon in Benjamin Harrison's regiment of Indiana troops and served throughout the Civil war. He lived and died in Indiana. Mrs. Means acquired a high-school education there and taught for some time before her marriage at Danville, Indiana, proving very capable in imparting readily and clearly to others the knowledge that she had acquired. Mr. and Mrs. Means are now parents of two daughters, Margaret and Mary Frances, both of whom are attending high school. In politics Mr. Means is a republican, yet without ambition for office. He has membership relations with the Knights of Pythias and with the Royal Arcanum.

J. C. BERTON.

J. C. Berton is a factor in journalistic circles of Boone county as editor of the Pilot Mound Monitor, which he purchased in April, 1913, and in which connection he has since developed an up-to-date and well equipped printing plant. His birth occurred in Vermont on the 6th of February, 1880, his parents being William and Ellen (Campbell) Berton, likewise natives of that state. The father served with the Union army throughout the entire period of the Civil war and was subsequently an officer for twenty years. The grandfather of our subject likewise served as an army officer, and the military record of the family is a most creditable one.

J. C. Berton was reared and educated in the state of his nativity and when fourteen years of age learned the printer's trade, with which he has been identified continuously to the present time. In April, 1913, he came to Pilot Mound, Iowa, and purchased the Pilot Mound Monitor, which he has since published. The paper has five hundred subscribers and a large advertising patronage, and is a bright, newsy sheet devoted to the dissemination of information of general interest. Mr. Berton has installed a new plant, and has made it modern in every particular.

In January, 1908, Mr. Berton was united in marriage to Miss Edna F. Gerdon, her parents being Charles and Ophelia Gerdon, natives of Pennsylvania. Our

subject and his wife have two children, Clifford and Ellwood, the former three years of age and the latter one year old. In his political views Mr. Berton is a republican. He is a young man of enterprise, ambition and energy, and in furthering his own prosperity is also contributing to the upbuilding of his community in appreciable degree.

JAMES F. CONDON.

James F. Condon is an enterprising and progressive citizen of the village of Ridgeport, where since 1902 he has engaged in general merchandising. He has also held the office of postmaster there and at different times has filled other positions, in which he has proven his loyalty as a citizen and his devotion to the public welfare. He was born January 22, 1854, in Clark county, Illinois, his parents being Henry and Eliza (Dixon) Condon. The father, a native of Ohio, was born January 25, 1822, and his life record covered seventy-one years, his death occurring in Boone county in 1893. His wife, who was born July 14, 1825, passed away in Boone county September 7, 1893. In their family were eleven children, of whom six sons are still living, all of whom are residents of Boone county with the exception of one who makes his home in Ottumwa, Iowa.

James F. Condon spent his youthful days upon the home farm, with the usual experiences that fall to the lot of the farm lad. He was quite young when the parents came with their family to Boone county, so that he was here reared, and the public schools afforded him his educational privileges. After attaining his majority he took up the occupation to which he had been reared and which he followed continuously until 1902. He then turned his attention to general merchandising at Ridgeport, where he has a good business. He carries a well selected line of goods, and his reliable methods and earnest desire to please his patrons have been the chief features in his growing success.

Mr. Condon has been married twice. He first wedded Christina Anderson, who was born in Sweden in 1860 and died in Boone county in April, 1908. She was a daughter of Martin and Bretta Anderson. The father died in Sweden and the mother afterward brought her daughter Christina to the new world and passed away in September, 1913. Unto Mr. and Mrs. Condon were born seven children. Martin, born in 1880, was married in 1907 to Daisy York, by whom he has two children, Harry and Glidie. He is engaged in farming in Kossuth county. Zora, the second of the family, was born in 1883. Katherine, born in 1885, became the wife of Lewis Anderson, a miner of Des Moines, Iowa, in 1910, and they have one daughter, Annabel. The fourth member of the family, Annabel, was born in 1890 and became the wife of Archibald Jennings. Lloyd, born in 1893, Izivine, born in 1897, and Cuma, born in 1902, are all at home. Mr. Condon was married a second time in November, 1909, when Mrs. W. L. Kelly, nee Frances Redpath, became his wife.

Mr. Condon has always been interested in the political questions and issues of the day, giving his support to the democratic party where matters of national importance are involved but casting an independent local ballot. He held the office of postmaster at Ridgeport, has been township clerk and justice of the

peace and for twelve years was school treasurer. He has made an excellent record in public office, being always loyal to the trust reposed in him. His has been an honorable, active and well spent life, and he has an extensive circle of friends in Ridgeport and throughout Boone county, where he has now long made his home and where he is widely and favorably known.

GEORGE LAFFERTY.

More than a half century has come and gone since the tocsin of war sounded and President Lincoln issued his first call for troops to defend the Union. Before the war had progressed to any great extent George Lafferty was among the number who offered their services at the front, joining the Fifth Wisconsin Battery, of which he was made first lieutenant. He was then a comparatively young man. Today he has almost reached the eightieth milestone on life's journey, his birth having occurred at Danville, Illinois, November 20, 1834. His parents were James and Ann (Kinney) Lafferty and his paternal grandfather was Patrick Lafferty, who came from Ireland in early manhood. He was left an orphan and from that time forward was dependent upon his own resources. He first settled in Pennsylvania, where he followed farm work. He was married in that state or in New York and later removed to Danville, Illinois, where he followed farming until the latter portion of his life, his death occurring when he was eighty years of age. His children were James and Daniel.

James Lafferty was born in Dayton, Ohio, and there spent the period of his boyhood and youth. When twenty-one years of age he went to Danville, Illinois, with his father. He became a farmer and stone-cutter and followed those pursuits as a life work. Following his marriage he came to Iowa and his last days were passed in Woodward, Dallas county, where he died in December, 1893, at the age of eighty-seven years, his birth having occurred in 1806. His children were as follows: J. Russell, now deceased; George; Sarah, who died in childhood; Emma, the wife of A. C. Smith, of Woodward, Iowa; Mary; Ellen, who has passed away; and William, deceased.

George Lafferty spent the first nine years of his life in Danville, at the end of which time the father went with his family to Monroe, Green county, Wisconsin. His educational privileges were very meager and he had opportunity to attend school for only six months altogether and that period spent in one of the old time log school houses. His father had forty acres of land in timber which had to be cleared away ere plowing could be done and George Lafferty assisted in the arduous task of cutting old trees, burning the brush and grubbing up the stumps. He was busily employed in assisting his father until after the outbreak of the Civil war, when, in August, 1861, he responded to the country's call for troops, enlisting in Green county, Wisconsin. He was mustered in the following October, went to the front and joined the command at New Madrid or Island No. 10, under General Pope. He assisted in manning the forts of New Madrid and was in that section of the country until after the evacuation of Corinth, following the siege. Later under General J. C. Davis he went to reinforce General Buell, commanding the army of the Cumberland. Later he par-



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ticipated in the battle of Perryville and of Stone River and was in the campaign through to Chickamauga. He also participated in the battles at Missionary Ridge, Rocky Face Ridge, Resaca, Rome, Georgia, Peach Tree Creek, the hotly contested battle of Kennesaw Mountain and the siege of Atlanta. He was likewise in the engagement at Jonesboro and went in the Georgia campaign to Savannah, where he aided in besieging that city. There he was honorably discharged, December 25, 1864, after more than three years devoted to the most strenuous and arduous military service.

Mr. Lafferty returned to his old home in Wisconsin, but came almost immediately afterward to Iowa, reaching Boonesboro on the 10th of September, 1865, accompanied by his wife and one child. He had learned the cabinet-maker's trade at Monroe, Wisconsin, and in Boone he worked at his trade until 1870, when he took up carpentering, which he followed continuously until his retirement about a year ago. He was closely identified with building operations in this city and was accorded a large patronage. He still enjoys good health, being a hale and hearty man for one of his years.

In Monroe, Wisconsin, Mr. Lafferty was united in marriage to Miss Sarah Sutterlee, a daughter of William E. Sutterlee, who was born December 20, 1812, and died September 25, 1877. Mr. and Mrs. Lafferty have but one child, Mamie, now Mrs. John Doran, of York, Nebraska. Mrs. Lafferty is a member of the Methodist Episcopal church. Mr. Lafferty belongs to McCook Post, G. A. R., and thus maintains pleasant relations with his old army comrades and recounts with them interesting events which occurred upon the battlefields of the south. In politics he is a stanch republican, having supported the men and measures in the party since its organization. He erected his present home in 1893 on an acre and a quarter of ground at the corner of Tenth and Division streets. He is now one of the venerable residents of Boone and well merits the high regard entertained for him. His life history has connected him closely with the city and its upbuilding through almost a half century.

FRANK A. HALL.

Frank A. Hall, a representative and enterprising citizen of Boone county, is the owner of a productive farm of ninety acres on sections 15 and 22, Grant township, which he purchased in 1894 and has operated continuously throughout the intervening two decades. His birth occurred in Sweden on the 16th of September, 1861, his parents being Gabriel and Angeliza (Anderson) Hall, who were likewise natives of that country. They emigrated to the United States and took up their abode in Boone county, Iowa, in August, 1870, the father purchasing land in Grant township and cultivating it for some time. Subsequently he bought and improved a tract of one hundred and twenty acres on sections 10 and 15, Grant township, and operated the same successfully throughout the remainder of his life. He passed away in December, 1907, while the demise of his wife occurred in August, 1896. Gabriel Hall had been a resident of this county for a period of thirty-seven years and enjoyed an enviable reputation as one of its prosperous agriculturists and esteemed citizens.

Frank A. Hall, who was a lad of nine years when he accompanied his parents on their emigration to the new world, acquired his education in Grant township and remained at home until he had attained his majority. He then learned the trades of carpentering and plastering and worked at those occupations for some time. Subsequently he turned his attention to agricultural pursuits, cultivating rented land for three years. On the expiration of that period, in 1894, he purchased a tract of ninety acres on sections 15 and 22, Grant township, where he has remained continuously since, his residence being on section 22. He has improved the farm until it is now a valuable and highly productive property and yields him a gratifying annual income. Mr. Hall is likewise a stockholder, director and the president of the Farmers Elevator Company, a stockholder in the Farmers State Bank of Boxholm and chairman of the Farmers Institute of that town.

Mr. Hall has been married twice. In the spring of 1890 he wedded Miss Johanna Lundberg, by whom he had one son, Gilbert E., who is now twenty-two years of age. The wife and mother passed away in August, 1893, and on December 23, 1894, Mr. Hall was again married, his second union being with Miss Mary G. Carlstrom, a daughter of C. M. and Catherine Carlstrom, who were born in Sweden and are still residents of that country. Our subject and his wife have eight children, as follows: Francis M., Floyd M., Fred, Clarence, Levina, Ruby, May and Allen.

In the exercise of his right of franchise Mr. Hall supports the men and measures of the republican party. He is now serving as trustee and has acted in that capacity for five years, while for eight years he ably discharged the duties of school treasurer and for four years held the position of assessor. He is identified fraternally with the Modern Woodmen of America, and his religious faith is that of the Lutheran church. Mr. Hall has lived in Boone county for forty-four years and during that time has risen to a high place in the ranks of progressive agriculturists and useful citizens.

JOHN W. WEIKEL.

John W. Weikel, a merchant and grain dealer, conducting business at Jordon Station, was born in Preble county, Ohio, near Camden, in November, 1866, a son of Joseph and Eliza (Huffman) Weikel. His paternal grandfather, Jacob Weikel, was a native of Pennsylvania and in early life removed to Ohio, settling in Butler county. There he took up land which is still owned by his son Jacob. The grandparents died in the Buckeye state, and they are survived by seven children, their sons John and Joseph having passed away. The former went with his father to Preble county, Ohio, and purchased a farm in 1865. He married Miss Leiter and continued a resident of that county until his death. Samuel, who married a Kentucky girl, is living in Montgomery, Indiana, at the advanced age of eighty-seven years. Eva married Henry Brill, who is living in Preble county at the age of eighty-seven. Susan, the widow of John Smith, is also living in Preble county. Mrs. Kate Kerns is a resident of the same county.

Jacob, who married Martha Skenk, is upon the home farm. Daniel is living retired in Middletown, Ohio. Lydia is the wife of John Bailey.

Joseph Weikel was born on the old homestead farm in the Buckeye state, December 30, 1831, and attended the common schools there. He was employed at farm labor throughout the summer months and when twenty-one years of age began work at the mason's trade in connection with his brother-in-law Mr. Brill. He followed that trade for five years. In 1858 he was married and removed to Madison county, Alabama, where he carried on farming for an extended period. In 1879 he became a resident of Champaign county, Illinois, settling in Champaign township, where he purchased one hundred and twenty acres of land. His wife died there March 26, 1880, and in 1895 Mr. Weikel came to Jordon, Boone county, where he joined his son John W. in the establishment and conduct of a stock, grain and lumber business, in which he continued up to the time of his death, which occurred April 5, 1905. He was active in the affairs of the community, and his influence was always on the side of progress and improvement. His political allegiance was given to the democratic party. The family numbered seven children: Lizzie, the wife of Charles Brill of Preble county, Ohio; Annie, who is living in Danville, Illinois; John W.; Lewis W., a farmer of Hamilton county, Nebraska, who married Hattie E. Weikel; Frank, a resident of Boone; Edward, twin brother of Frank and a resident of Helper, Utah, who married Jennie Williams, who died leaving two children, Ethel and Mabel, the former now residing with her uncle John; and Marvin, who died in 1880.

John W. Weikel was a pupil in the public schools of his native county and of Madison county, Alabama, and also attended a private school in Champaign county, Illinois. When but nine or ten years of age he began work upon the farm, following the plow almost as soon as old enough to reach the plow handles. He received his first wages when sixteen years of age for digging a ditch, his salary being sixteen dollars per month, and he paid seven dollars for boots in which to do the work. He was employed in that way for a short time and then went to Nebraska, where he secured work in Hamilton county upon the farm of his uncle, who paid him eighteen dollars per month for nine months out of the year. He spent six years in that way and then returned to Champaign county, Illinois, settling at Staley Station, where he secured a position with B. P. Staley in the grain and lumber business. In 1895 he came to Jordon, Boone county, and in connection with his father and Mr. Staley established the merchandising and grain business, of which he is now sole proprietor. From boyhood he has led a most industrious life, and the success he has acquired is attributable entirely to his own efforts. In the spring of 1899 the business was destroyed by fire, and Mr. Weikel afterward built his present place. When his father died his interest was purchased by F. G. Brohling, but after two years John W. Weikel bought out his partner and is now sole owner of the business, which has reached large and gratifying proportions. At the time of the fire he lost everything he had save his home. Undeterred by this deplorable circumstance, he resolutely set to work to retrieve his possessions, and the result is seen in his present prosperity.

On the 1st of August, 1901, Mr. Weikel was married to Miss Dorothy Fitzgerald of Jackson township, Boone county, a daughter of Daniel and Dorothy Fitzgerald. They have one child, Ione Margaret. Mr. Weikel is an independent voter, nor is he identified through membership with any church or fraternal

organization. He follows an independent course, nor has he the least wish to dictate to others what they should do. Those who have met him in business relations find him trustworthy as well as enterprising, and his example in this regard is, indeed, worthy of emulation. What he has accomplished represents the fit utilization of his innate powers and talents, and his life history indicates that success and an honored name may be won simultaneously.

FRANK P. MOYERS.

Frank P. Moyers now lives retired in a comfortable home at No. 221 Tama street, Boone, having after many years of arduous labor along agricultural lines acquired a competency which enables him to pass the remainder of his days amidst the comforts and conveniences of life. He came to Boone county in 1860 and has ever since made it his home.

Mr. Moyers was born in Putnam county, Indiana, September 14, 1855, and is a son of H. L. and Elizabeth (Clark) Moyers, who became residents of Boone county in 1860. The father followed agricultural pursuits throughout his life, passing away in 1904, at the age of sixty-nine. He was a staunch democrat, prominent in the public life of his neighborhood. His religion was that of the Christian church. He was born in Virginia, subsequently coming to Indiana, where he arrived when a child, his parents becoming at that time settlers of Putnam county. The paternal grandfather of our subject was Cary Moyers and his wife before her marriage was Susan Lockett, both members of Virginia families. H. L. Moyers was one of their six children, of whom two are yet living: Mrs. Frances Zenor, who resides near Ontario; and A. T. Moyers, of Madrid, Boone county. Elizabeth (Clark) Moyers was also a native of Indiana and was a daughter of the Rev. John A. Clark, who later in life paid extended visits to Boone county. She was an only daughter, but there were four brothers in the family, Perry, Martin, Silas and James. She died in Boone county in 1895, at the age of sixty-two years. She was a Baptist in her religious faith, and her father was a minister of that denomination. She bore her husband seven children, of whom the subject of this review is the eldest and of whom four are yet living. Those beside our subject are: John A., an agriculturist of Luther, Boone county; A. E., of Tabor, Iowa, who followed farming for a number of years but is now traveling; and Mrs. Zelda Kinsley, who resides near St. Cloud, Minnesota.

Frank P. Moyers was but five years of age when he came with his parents to Boone county. Here he attended the public schools and early in life began to assist his father with the farm work. Later he took up stock buying and shipping and was so engaged for about twenty years. In March, 1906, he removed to Boone, where he now lives retired, enjoying the comforts of life. He still owns two farms which are highly improved and include his father's homestead, the original patent being signed by President Franklin Pierce. He also has a government patent for the other farm, which was granted to a man by the name of Dyer.

In 1879 Mr. Moyers married Miss Mary J. Johnson, who was born in Warren county, Illinois, in 1858, and is a daughter of Peter and Cynthia Shelton (Johnson) Johnson, both of whom died in Kansas, the father on December 19, 1897, at the age of seventy-one, and the mother in 1905. The former was a native of Stockholm, Sweden, and he and his wife came to Boone county, Iowa, in 1868, locating in Colfax township, near Luther. In 1871 they removed to Republic county, Kansas, and there resided until their deaths. The father was a member of the state church in Sweden and the mother was a Campbellite. The latter had been previously married and had three children by her first union and five by the second. The brother and sisters of Mrs. Moyers are: Mrs. Clara Emma Taylor, of the state of Washington; Mrs. Ella A. Edwards, of Republic county, Kansas; Mrs. Frances Lowell, who resides near Belleville, Kansas; and Joseph H., who is engaged in the automobile business in Beatrice, Nebraska. Mr. and Mrs. Moyers have two children: Lenora, who married A. E. Smith, residing near Luther, by whom she has one son, Francis; and Arlie Frances, at home, who is a graduate of the Boone high school and also received a degree in music from Drake University of Des Moines.

Mr. Moyers is a democrat and thoroughly conversant with the questions and issues of the day. He has contributed toward the development of Boone county and has done valuable work, particularly in raising agricultural standards. Mrs. Moyers is a Presbyterian, devoted to her church and a member of the Ladies' Aid Society.

THEODORE L. ASHFORD.

Theodore L. Ashford has been president of the Boone State Bank of Boone since its organization in February, 1911. His identification with banking, however, continues for a much longer period, as he had previously served as cashier of the Boone National Bank from its organization in 1904. His residence in the county covers a period of twenty-one years, for on the 1st of March, 1893, he arrived in Boone and throughout the intervening period has been identified with industrial and financial interests.

Mr. Ashford was born in Columbiana county, Ohio, October 8, 1869, and is a son of Oliver G. and Josephine (Lones) Ashford. The Ashford family is of English origin and of Quaker stock, coming from the old world with William Penn and establishing their home in Pennsylvania. The ancestry of the Lones family can be traced back directly to Roger Williams. Oliver G. Ashford, who was an Ohio farmer, came to Iowa about 1874, settling near Nevada, Story county. There he purchased land and continued the development and improvement of his farm until he retired from active life about 1886, taking up his abode in Nevada. There he served as county sheriff of Story county, and following the close of his term of office he spent his remaining days in the enjoyment of well earned rest, passing away in August, 1904, at the age of fifty-eight years. He was a staunch republican in his political views and filled various township offices, the duties of which he discharged in a capable manner. He was a very active and public-spirited man, doing much to further the welfare and

progress of the community in which he made his home. His widow, who was born in Pennsylvania, still survives and now resides in Seattle, Washington, at the age of sixty-six years. The family numbered seven children, of whom one son is deceased, while six are yet living.

Theodore L. Ashford is the only one who resides in Boone county. He was reared in Story county, where the family located when he was about six years of age. In the public schools there he acquired his education. He is a thoroughly self-made man, for he had neither wealth nor influential friends to aid him at the outset of his business career. In early manhood he engaged in teaching for one term and when in his twenty-fourth year he came to Boone, arriving in this city on the 1st of March, 1893. At that time he entered the employ of an abstract firm and engaged in that line of business until 1900. He next entered the service of the Security Savings Bank, with which he was associated for four years. His initial connection with the banking business was in a humble capacity, but gradually he worked his way upward and upon the organization of the Boone National Bank he was elected its cashier and so continued until he was called to the presidency of the Boone State Bank when it was organized in February, 1911. In fact, he was one of the promoters of the latter institution and has been a moving spirit in its subsequent success. His efforts have been highly satisfactory in promoting the progress of the bank, which is now regarded as one of the safe, substantial institutions of the county. It is conducted along very progressive lines, and the interests of the depositors are most carefully safeguarded.

In Boone Mr. Ashford was united in marriage to Miss Corinna Harkness of Humboldt, Iowa, her parents being pioneer settlers of this state and natives of Pennsylvania. Mrs. Ashford was born in Humboldt and by her marriage has become the mother of one son, Theodore Harkness, born at Boone in February, 1905. The family attend the Presbyterian church, and they reside in an attractive home at No. 1009 Third street. Politically Mr. Ashford is a republican and for years took an active part in political work, serving in some of the city offices, including that of treasurer. Fraternally he is connected with the Masons and in the order has attained the Knight Templar degree. He is also a member of the Benevolent Protective Order of Elks. The motive springs of his conduct are found in high and honorable principles and laudable ambition. Starting out in life empty handed, he has utilized each opportunity that has come to him, and step by step he has worked his way upward, his orderly progression bringing him at length to his present responsible position as a representative of financial interests in Boone county.

DEWEY CLARKE HARMON.

No history of Boone county would be complete without extended reference to Dewey Clarke Harmon, who now follows farming near Jordan in Jackson county township and who from pioneer times has been connected with this county and its development. He is today the oldest resident of Jackson township in years of continuous connection therewith, and in 1857 he plowed the



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tract of land upon which the city of Boone now stands, using oxen for this purpose. He has lived to witness the growth of a prosperous city, containing several thousand inhabitants, while the work of progress and development has been carried on along equally important lines in other sections of the county.

Mr. Harmon is a native of Ohio, his birth having occurred in Lorain county, October 7, 1844. His father, William B. Harmon, was born in the state of Vermont at the foot of the Green mountains, on the 28th of January, 1814. He was a son of Horatio Harmon and a grandson of Nehemiah Harmon, who was born in New England and there spent his entire life, following the occupation of farming. His descendant, Seliah Harmon, who lived and died in Vermont, married Rhoda Dewey, and these Deweys were of the same family as Admiral Dewey. It was through that line of descent that the subject of this review received his first name. Horatio Harmon, the grandfather of Dewey Clarke Harmon, on leaving New England, made his way to Lorain county, Ohio, where he cast in his lot with the early settlers and there followed farming, continuing his residence in that county until he was called to his final rest. He married Lucy Clarke, daughter of William and Elizabeth (Smith) Clarke, and their children were as follows. Mary Ann, born October 4, 1811, became the wife of a Mr. Dudley and after his death married William Powell. They removed to Wisconsin and she lacked but a month of being one hundred years of age at the time of her demise. William B. Harmon, father of our subject, was the second of the family. Lucy, born March 19, 1816, became the wife of a Mr. Jones. Harriet L., born August 3, 1818, married Chester Smith and died near Charlotte, Michigan. Horace C., born January 26, 1822, removed to Ohio, where his remaining days were passed. Elvira, born February 6, 1825, became Mrs. Bryant and died in Ohio. Elmira, her twin sister, married Silas Francisco, the marriage taking place in Ohio, and later they removed to Boone county, but subsequently went to Nebraska, her death occurring near Lincoln. Lafayette, who was born July 21, 1827, married Miss Catherine Barnes, who died at Rippey, Greene county, Iowa. Isaac C., born October 29, 1831, is living at Mackey, in Harrison township.

William B. Harmon, father of Dewey Clarke Harmon, accompanied his parents on their removal from New England to Ohio. He married Caroline Sage, who was born near Oswego, New York, and came of the same family as Russell Sage. It was in the year 1854 that William B. Harmon removed with his family from Ohio to Boone county, where he purchased two hundred acres of government land. It was virgin prairie, not a furrow having been turned nor an improvement made upon the place, but, determined to have a good home here, he at once began the development of the farm and soon there was a notable change in the appearance of his land, for the tract was transformed into productive fields. At the time of his arrival there was no house nearer than Boone. The first home of the family was a log cabin, fourteen by sixteen feet, containing but one room. After the first winter an addition eight by sixteen feet was built on the north end. This primitive dwelling was afterward replaced by a frame residence which still stands.

The father died July 6, 1871, and was buried in Linwood cemetery at Boone. His political views were in accord with the principles of the republican party from its organization, although all of his brothers were democrats. He was a

devout member of the Universalist church in Boone, and the salient traits of his character were such as commanded for him high respect and regard. His wife died on the old homestead September 8, 1874, and was laid to rest by the side of her husband. She, too, was a consistent Christian, holding membership in the Universalist church. The children of this marriage were eight in number. Emma Elvira, who was born in Lorain county, Ohio, became the wife of John Slocum and died in Boone county in 1897 at the age of fifty-six years. Lucy Marilla, born August 12, 1842, was married January 1, 1860, to Samuel Coe and died in Boone, October 17, 1907. Dewey is the third of the family. Albert Washington, born March 28, 1846, married Julia Sage and now resides in Marion, Ohio. Francis Delano, born in Lorain county, Ohio, near Oberlin, on the 1st of June, 1849, was educated in the Boone county schools, being five years of age when his parents removed to this county. He left school at the age of eighteen and afterward assisted in the further development and improvement of the home farm until his father died. He was married July 27, 1876, to Miss Rosie E. Smith, of Boone, a daughter of Edward and Mary (Walden) Smith. Following his marriage he settled on a farm in Jackson township adjoining the old home place and later purchased eighty acres in Jackson township. He then removed to a small farm near Boone and afterward established his home in Calhoun county on the 10th of October, 1909, settling in the town of Rinard, where he engaged in general merchandising as a partner of A. J. Shower. In March, 1910, he withdrew from that connection and has since engaged in the buying and shipping of stock at Rinard, where he is recognized as a leading, active and influential business man and citizen. He is a member of the Christian church and in politics is a progressive republican, while fraternally he is connected with the Independent Order of Odd Fellows. He had two children, Grace and Daisy B., but both are now deceased. Harriet Loretto, the sixth member of the family of Mr. and Mrs. William B. Harmon, was born April 11, 1852, and on the 11th of April, 1883, became the wife of Adelbert Smith. They established their home in Charlotte, Michigan, where she passed away. Wesley, born in April, 1856, died in Boone in childhood. Willis Briggs, born November 19, 1861, removed to Michigan and afterward to Texas. He has made carpentering and building his life work. He was first married in Ohio and after losing his first wife was married in Texas.

Dewey Clarke Harmon was a youth of ten years when the family came to Boone. He well remembers the journey, which was made in covered wagons drawn by horses. They were more than four weeks along the way and crossed the Mississippi river at Rock Island—the boat which took them across being the first steamboat that Dewey C. Harmon and his brother were ever on. After the family home was established in this county he was sent to the public schools in Jackson township, but was the only help his father had and necessity made it imperative that he remain at home much of the time in order to assist in the development of the fields. It was only a few years after the arrival of the family in this county that he plowed the land with ox teams upon which Boone now stands. He worked for ten cents per day in pioneer times and drove an ox team in hauling saw logs for twenty-five cents per day. In the employ of Dr. Mosier of Boone he received a wage of two dollars and a half per month. His youth was largely a period of earnest and unremitting toil, and industry has

been the basis of his success. There are few important points connected with the history of the county with which he is not familiar and facts which others know only by hearsay have concerned incidents which he has witnessed and in which he has participated.

On the 4th of April, 1876, Mr. Harmon was united in marriage to Miss Lydia Ingalls Thompson, the marriage ceremony being performed in Jackson township by the Rev. Boggs, a minister of the Methodist Episcopal church. Her parents were Thomas Ingalls and Lydia Phillips (Brown) Thompson. Mrs. Harmon was born in Marblehead, Essex county, Massachusetts, April 4, 1852, and is one of five children, the others being: Charles Edmund, who married Augusta Behling and is a resident farmer of Jackson township; Thomas Ingalls, also living in Jackson township; Fremont, deceased; and William Henry, who resides near Altoona, Kansas. Charles Thompson, the paternal grandfather of Mrs. Harmon, was likewise a native of Marblehead, Massachusetts, and was a son of John Thompson, who served in the Revolutionary war. He and his wife Margaret reared a family which included Charles Thompson, who, possessing the military spirit of his father, defended the United States in the second war with England. He married Betsey Ingalls and their son, Thomas Ingalls, became the father of Mrs. Harmon. To Mr. and Mrs. Harmon have been born three children: May Lois, who was born in July, 1877, and died in December, 1878; Rosa Frances, who was born December 15, 1878, and after completing her education in the public schools became the wife of Frank E. Johnson of Jackson township, by whom she has one son, Walter Harmon; and Lydia Caroline, who was born October 11, 1883, and married Simon Frances Mygren, now of Boone, by whom she had one child, Harmon F., who died in infancy.

In political views Mr. Harmon is a republican, thoroughly in sympathy with the principles of the party. He became a supporter of the party in its early history, casting his first vote for Abraham Lincoln. He has held minor township offices, but has never been a politician in the usually accepted sense of the term, although he is never remiss in the duties of citizenship and cooperates in all movements for the public good. He and his wife are members of the Universalist church, and in that organization and throughout the entire community they have many friends.

FRED A. CASOTTI.

Fred A. Casotti is the present postmaster at Fraser, where he is also engaged in the manufacture of candies. He is a young business man, energetic and enterprising, and is building up a good trade. He was born March 9, 1884, in Montericco, Reggio-Emilia, Italy, and acquired a common-school education in that land while spending his boyhood days in the home of his parents, Joáchin and Margaret (Ferrari) Casotti, who are farming people and still reside in Italy. In their family were four sons and four daughters.

Fred A. Casotti spent the first seventeen years of his life in his native country and then, hoping to have better business opportunities in the new world, sailed for the United States in 1901, making his way direct to Fraser, where he has

since made his home. He first engaged in mining coal and was thus employed for seven years. He then purchased a candy kitchen and building from Peter Sinclair, this step being made possible by the fact that he had carefully saved his earnings in his former connection, and since 1908 he has thus carried on business on his own account. He manufactures high grade candies, and his business is reaching extensive and gratifying proportions, indicating his careful management and business enterprise, as well as the excellence of his product.

On the 19th of January, 1913, Mr. Casotti was appointed postmaster of Fraser by President Taft. At the time of his appointment he was serving as treasurer of the municipality. In politics he is independent, voting rather as his judgment dictates instead of according to party ties. He belongs to the Catholic church, and he holds membership with the Improved Order of Red Men at Fraser. He is also a member of the National Travelers' Benefit Association of Des Moines, Iowa. He has never had occasion to regret his determination to come to the new world, for here he has found the opportunities which he has sought, and in this connection he has gradually worked his way upward. He may truly be called a self-made man, and he deserves much credit for what he has accomplished. He is still a young man and undoubtedly the future has in store for him still larger successes.

PHILIP H. EVERSOLL.

Philip H. Eversoll is the owner of one hundred acres of choice land in Cass township, his farm being situated on section 9. He does not personally cultivate the fields, but leases his land and derives therefrom a substantial annual income. He is a native of Illinois, born April 18, 1861. His father, Joshua Eversoll, was born in Delaware county, Ohio, and in 1865 brought his family to Boone county, Iowa, settling upon a farm in Cass township. He had first visited the township in 1854, making the overland trip, after which he returned to Illinois, where he continued to reside for eleven years longer. He was one of the first school teachers not only of Cass township but of Boone county. In early manhood he wedded Melissa Benjamin, who was also a native of Ohio, the wedding being celebrated at Elk Rapids, Boone county, the ceremony being performed by a Mr. Wheeler, who was one of the pioneer justices of the peace of the county. Following their marriage they took up their abode in Illinois and then in 1865 returned to Boone county, where they continued to make their home until called to their final rest. In their family were four sons: Silas A., who is now living in Taney county, Missouri; Philip H., of this review; Marion E., whose home is in Cass township; and A. W., who is living in Arkansas. The youngest was born in Cass township, the three others in Illinois. All, however, were reared in this county and attended the common schools of the community. The family was established in Boone county in pioneer times, shared in the hardships of pioneer life and in the work of progress and development representatives of the name have borne their full part.

Philip H. Eversoll was but four years of age when his parents came to Iowa, and upon the home farm in Cass township he was reared amid the usual experi-



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ences that fall to the lot of the farm lad. When a young man he learned the carpenter's trade and followed it until about thirty years of age. He afterward concentrated his energies upon agricultural pursuits and carefully and wisely developed and cultivated his farm. He has now turned over the active work to others and from his tract of one hundred acres of choice land on section 9, Cass township, he derives a substantial annual rental. He still lives on the old home place and has a well furnished and attractive residence. In it is to be found an interesting old relic in the form of a razor that was purchased by his grandfather at Harper's Ferry in 1805 and which is still used by Philip H. Eversoll.

In Cass township, on the 1st of January, 1889, Mr. Eversoll was united in marriage to Miss Cordelia Powell, who was born in Cass township, April 4, 1870, and was reared to womanhood there. She attended the public schools and has always been a resident of this county, representing one of its old pioneer families, her parents being J. W. and Nancy A. (Meeker) Powell, in whose family were five children, four of whom are yet living. Cora, the eldest, has passed away. The others are: Mrs. Dora Lane, now residing in Nebraska; Mrs. Eversoll; Dow, who is located in Spokane, Washington; and Mrs. Luella Johnson, now of Lincoln, Nebraska. All of the children were born, reared and educated in Cass township.

In politics Mr. Eversoll is a republican and has served as constable of Cass township, but otherwise has never sought nor desired public office, preferring to concentrate his attention upon his business affairs. For almost a half century he has lived in this county and has been an interested witness of its progress and development, watching the changes which have brought it from pioneer conditions to its present state of prosperity and progress.

FRED W. FITCH.

Fred W. Fitch is prominently connected, as the head of the F. W. Fitch Company, with one of the most extensive and important productive industries of Boone. None question his ability, for this has been demonstrated in the establishment and promotion of the business of which he is the head. He is a man of determined purpose, forceful and resourceful, and he carries forward to successful completion whatever he undertakes.

His birth occurred in Webster county, Iowa, in 1870, his father being Dr. L. H. C. Fitch, a pioneer physician of Iowa, who was born in Massachusetts and was a son of Lucius Fitch, the founder of the town of Fitchburg in that state. It was there that Dr. Fitch was born in 1808, and in that city he was reared and educated. He practiced medicine throughout his entire life after qualifying for the profession, and about 1845 he came to Boone county, casting in his lot with its pioneer settlers. He had previously arrived in the state in the '30s. He was one of the first to engage in the practice of medicine in Boone county. While living in Benton county there occurred the birth of his son John. This was at a period long before the admission of the state to the union or even before the organization of the territory of Iowa, which was then a part of the territory of Wisconsin. After coming to Boone county Dr. Fitch resided near Ridgeport

from 1845 until 1872 and his practice extended over Webster and Boone counties. He had diplomas from three medical colleges, one homeopathic and two regular schools. Moreover, he was a widely read man on general topics as well as upon questions of professional interest. He followed his profession at a time when to do so required much personal self-sacrifice, as the pioneer physician was forced to take long rides through summer sun and winter cold over roads which were frequently almost impassable because of the heavy rains in spring and the deep snows in the winter. On leaving this county in 1872 he went to Springfield, South Dakota, where he engaged in farming and remained until 1876, but he suffered heavy losses there, owing to the grasshopper plague, whereby his crops were destroyed. The family, including his wife and six children, the eldest then ten years of age, drove back to Boonesboro, while Dr. Fitch went to California, hoping to retrieve his lost possessions in that state. He died in Sacramento three years later—in 1879. His widow remained a resident of Boonesboro until her demise, which occurred August 16, 1910, when she was seventy-five years of age. She was Dr. Fitch's second wife. He was first married in the east and had two sons and two daughters by that union. John, now seventy-six years of age and a resident of Wichita, Kansas, was for many years a teacher and later became a farmer. Ed, now more than seventy years of age, is living upon the old homestead near Springfield, South Dakota. Julia resides at Paso Robles or Hot Springs, California. Mrs. Harriet Buck is a resident of San Jose, California.

It was on the 22d of November, 1849, in Benton county, that Dr. Fitch wedded Miss Mary E. Epperson, who was born in Montgomery county, Indiana, May 19, 1835. They became the parents of thirteen children, of whom one died in infancy, and of the twelve who reached adult age six are still living: Mrs. Luella L. Ells, of Platte, South Dakota; James F., a farmer residing in South Dakota; W. W., a contractor living in Des Moines; Albert W., a resident farmer of Nebraska; Allie, who follows farming in Boone county, Iowa; and Fred W.

The last named was the eleventh in order of birth in the family. From eight years of age he has largely been dependent upon his own resources, and at the age of fifteen he took upon himself the responsibility of providing for his mother's support, which he did for many years. During the first five years after he started out he worked for his board and clothing and later was paid a wage of eleven dollars per month. During the winter seasons he would attend the public schools and in the summer months worked at farm labor until nineteen years of age. He then learned the barber's trade in Boone and followed it until thirty years of age, during which period he carefully saved his earnings until he had a sum sufficient to enable him to embark in business on his own account on a small scale.

He began the manufacture of toilet articles and preparations and is now widely known for the variety as well as for the excellence of the products which he manufactures. Among these are the Fitch Ideal Dandruff Remover and the Fitch Ideal Shampoo Soap. The Fitch Ideal Shampoo Soap and Tonique Superbe, a hair dressing, were both awarded the gold medal and grand prize at the Paris Exposition in 1911, and at the London Exposition in 1913. He is known also for his various facial creams, including vanishing creams, Ideal Cold Cream, Toilet Finishing Cream and others. He manufactures various kinds of toilet waters, "each a gem of the perfumer's art," and among his important and popular products

are his perfumes which include fifteen different varieties known as Apple Blossom, Aviation, Debut, Florella, Golden Girl, Irillis, Lilac Royal, Love's Joy, May Bouquet, Meadow Pink, Princess Grand, Rainbow, Rose Adore, Valley Lily and Violet. Recently he has put some new articles upon the market, including Cocoa Butter Cream, rouge and face powder. In 1900 Mr. Fitch began to sell his products to the wholesale trade, and the business has grown with gratifying rapidity. During the past five years he has occupied his present building, which is forty-five by one hundred feet, three stories in height and basement. There are about thirty people employed in the factory, together with fifteen traveling representatives, who cover the United States thoroughly in the interests of the trade and also sell in other parts of the world. The company manufactures thirty articles under its own name besides manufacturing such goods as creams, perfumes and toilet waters, etc., for other firms, labeled with their respective names. During the past fourteen years he has devoted his entire attention to the development and upbuilding of this business. His first trip as a salesman was made in the fall of 1900 and thus he took the initial step in the spread and growth of the business which has now assumed extensive proportions. He has practically borrowed no capital, has always discounted his bills by making payment before due and has carried his interests on along progressive lines, making his one of the important industries of the city. His sales now amount to about two hundred thousand dollars per year. The sale of the dandruff cure exceeds more than twice all other preparations for the barber trade. In addition to his manufacturing interests, Mr. Fitch is a director in the Boone National Bank and has stock in the Monarch Manufacturing Company and the Boone Brick, Tile & Paving Company. He is also connected with the Peace River Land and Development Company, owners of land in Florida and elsewhere.

Mr. Fitch was married in Boone to Miss Lettie Williams, who has resided in this city for the past quarter of a century or more. They have four children: Gail, sixteen years of age, attending the high school; and Mildred, Lois and Lucius, all in school. Politically Mr. Fitch is a republican, and socially he is connected with the Masonic fraternity and the Benevolent Protective Order of Elks, while both he and his wife are members of the Eastern Star. They are likewise members of the Methodist Episcopal church and are interested in many of those plans and projects which feature most largely in the upbuilding and progress of the city. Mr. Fitch is a man of intense business energy, as evidenced in the fact that he has developed his present business to its extensive proportions in the last fourteen years. What he undertakes he accomplishes, and as the years go by he is becoming more and more strongly felt as a potent factor in the progress and prosperity of Boone.

WILLIAM BRADFORD MEANS.

Prominent among the energetic, farsighted and successful business men of Boone is William Bradford Means, who is conducting a real-estate, loan, abstract and insurance business under the firm style of Means Brothers, with offices in the Mason building. The firm was organized in 1893 and through the interven-

ing years to the present has conducted a gradually increasing business, its clientage being now an extensive and gratifying one. William B. Means is thoroughly conversant with the realty that is upon the market and has negotiated many important property transfers.

A native of Illinois, he was born near Paris, on the 5th of February, 1846, and is a son of John C. Means, who was a farmer of Illinois and a prominent man of affairs in Edgar county, where he filled the office of sheriff and had other important connections with the public interests. In politics he was a staunch republican.

No event of special importance occurred to vary the routine of farm life for William B. Means in his boyhood. He appreciated the value of a liberal education and entered Miami University, from which he was graduated in the class of 1869. A year later, when a young man of about twenty-four years, he came to Iowa and settled in Boonesboro. Having taken up the study of law, he was admitted to the bar and in the succeeding year entered into partnership with William R. Lawrence, who later was United States district judge at Muskogee, Oklahoma. Although Mr. Lawrence was also a lawyer, their partnership was not formed for the practice of law but for the conduct of the Boone County Advocate, the name of which paper they afterward changed to the Boone County Republican, while at the present time it is known as the News-Republican. The partnership with Mr. Lawrence was continued for a brief period and Mr. Means then became sole proprietor of the paper. For a time, however, he was in partnership with Andrew J. Downing in the publication of the paper, with which he was continuously associated for fourteen years. In the meantime he had become connected with the real-estate, loan, abstract and insurance business, and in 1893 he was joined by his brother Thomas E. Means in a partnership that has since existed under the firm style of Means Brothers. They now have a large clientage and their business in its various departments is proving very profitable. Mr. Means is regarded as an expert valuator of property and is familiar with every phase of the real-estate business, knowing exactly what is upon the market and at what price it can probably be obtained.

At different times Mr. Means has divided his time with political duties. In 1891 he became postmaster of Boone under President Harrison and filled that position for four years. He was then reappointed by President McKinley for a term of four years and again by President Roosevelt, thus continuing to serve until January, 1906, or for a period of twelve years and three months. He systematized the work of the office, placing it upon a thoroughly business basis, and the promptness and fidelity with which he cared for the interests of the public made him a most efficient officer in that connection. He voted with the republican party until 1912, when he supported Roosevelt.

In 1872 Mr. Means was united in marriage to Miss Helen C. Dennison, a native of Ohio and a daughter of N. W. Dennison, an early and prominent lawyer of Boonesboro, who was also an editor and early newspaper man here. He came to this section of the state in the early '50s and, while he engaged in the practice of law, he also devoted a number of years to journalistic interests. He died before the war, at the comparatively early age of thirty-six years, and the community mourned the loss of one who had come to be looked upon as a most progressive and representative citizen. Mrs. Means was the only daughter in a

family of three children, and both of her brothers died in early life, one passing away in infancy. The death of Mrs. Means occurred in Boone county in 1905. She was a consistent member of the Presbyterian church, to which her husband also belongs. She is survived by two sons and two daughters, while one child of the family has passed away. Those still living are: John C., who is in charge of the money order department of the postoffice at Boone; Mrs. G. M. Woodruff, of Mason City, Iowa; William Edgar, also in the postoffice; and Mary L., the wife of E. I. Hannum of Boone, who is a member of the dry-goods firm of J. H. Rickenberg & Company. Mr. Means has eight grandchildren. Today he is well known and under the firm name of Means Brothers is conducting a profitable business, which has gained him recognition as one of the leading and representative business men of the county.

CHARLES T. T. MASON.

Charles T. T. Mason needs no introduction to the readers of this volume, for since his youthful days he has been identified with commercial interests in Boone county. Although now living retired, he was for many years a member of the firm of Mason Brothers, a name synonymous with business activity, enterprise and integrity in this part of the state. He was a young man of twenty-two years when he arrived in Iowa in the year 1868. His birth occurred at Tamworth, New Hampshire, May 31, 1846, and his boyhood and youth were there passed. His educational opportunities were those accorded in the public schools, and his home training was of a nature that also assisted in qualifying him for active duties in later life. In 1868 he came to the west and while en route visited the convention at which General Grant was nominated for the presidency. His early business training was received in his father's store, in which he became familiar with progressive methods of merchandising, and throughout his entire career he kept in touch with the trend of commercial activity in modern times.

Mr. Mason first started in business at Moingona and in 1873 arrived in Boone. The firm of Mason Brothers was organized, his partner being Clinton S. Mason, and under the original firm name they continued in active business in Boone until September, 1910, when they sold out. They erected the Mason building at the corner of Eighth and Story streets, also the building for wholesale purposes now occupied by the Iowa Dry Goods Company, save the first floor, which is utilized by other tenants. This is situated on Story, between Eighth and Ninth streets. While at different times the business has been of more varied scope, the brothers continued most of the time in the dry-goods line and built up an extensive trade in that connection. They were constantly obliged to increase their stock to meet the growing demands of their patronage. Everything that the market produced in the way of dry goods was to be had in their establishment, representing the latest colors, designs and materials. Thus ready to serve the public, they were accorded an extensive trade and year after year their growing business brought them substantial returns. Of late years Charles T. T. Mason has lived largely retired but has devoted the necessary attention to the management of his business affairs and investments.

In January, 1891, was celebrated the marriage of Mr. Mason and Miss Alice M. Coleman of Boone, who was born in 1857 and died in April, 1894, at the comparatively early age of thirty-seven years. She was the daughter of Joseph Coleman, a pioneer of this section of the state. Later he removed westward to California, where he resided for a number of years, but finally returned to Boone, where his death occurred when he was about ninety years of age. He came to Iowa from Michigan, but was originally from New York, while his wife was a native of New England. They had but one son, who died while serving as a soldier in the Federal army during the Civil war. Mr. and Mrs. Mason became parents of one son, who passed away in infancy.

In politics Mr. Mason has always been a staunch republican, giving unfaltering support to the men and measures of the party, yet refusing office for himself. His wife held membership in the Episcopal church, and he has always contributed liberally to its support. For the past nineteen years, or since 1895, he has taken an active interest in the improvement of Linwood Park Cemetery. Moreover, he is a public-spirited citizen who has assisted in many projects for the general good. He is intensely interested in the substantial growth and improvement of city and county, and his work along that line has been effective, far-reaching and beneficial. Few if any in Boone county are more widely known than Charles T. T. Mason and the record which he has made as business man and citizen places him among the foremost residents of this part of the state.

JAMES E. ARNOLD.

James E. Arnold was one of the veterans of the Civil war and an early settler of Boone county, identified with its development during an early epoch in its history. He was called to his final rest in 1896, and the county thereby lost one of its representative and valued citizens. He was born in Knox county, Ohio, February 29, 1844, a son of Elias and Malinda (Armentrout) Arnold, both of whom spent their entire lives in the Buckeye state. Their children were Daniel, Rhoda, Mary, James E., George and John.

At the place of his nativity James E. Arnold was reared to manhood with the usual experiences of the lad of that locality and period. He attended the public schools there and when a young man came to Iowa, entering the employ of his brother Daniel, who was then following farming in Jasper county. With the outbreak of the Civil war, however, James E. Arnold put aside all business and personal considerations to give tangible evidence of his patriotism and loyalty to his country. He enlisted as a member of Company F, First Iowa Cavalry serving under General Custer. He was with the Union troops until the close of the war and returned home with a most creditable military record.

Several years later Mr. Arnold again went to Ohio and was married in Coshocton county in 1869 to Miss Mary E. Hagans, of that county, a daughter of Alexander and Fanny (Anthony) Hagans, both of whom represented old Pennsylvania families, her mother being of Pennsylvania-Dutch descent. The Arnolds, however, were of Irish lineage. To Mr. and Mrs. Alexander Hagans were born fifteen children: Uriah, who was born October 30, 1850, and is now deceased;



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Mrs. Arnold; Ben F., who was born November 22, 1854, and has passed away; Isaac, who was born October 12, 1855, and is deceased; Martha Jane, born March 18, 1857; James Breckenridge and James Buchanan, twins, born August 13, 1858, the latter now deceased, while the former is living in Ohio; Anna, who was born December 9, 1859, and has passed away; David A., who was born July 20, 1861, and is a resident of Ohio; Jacob, who was born March 27, 1863, and is deceased; Charles M., who was born April 4, 1868, and became a minister but died in Ohio; Katie, who was born March 2, 1870, and makes her home in the Buckeye state; Tenie L., who was born June 2, 1872, and is living in Toledo, Ohio; Thomas, who was born April 11, 1876, and is also a resident of Ohio; and Emma, also residing in Ohio.

Of this family Mrs. Arnold was the second in order of birth. She was born in Coshocton county, Ohio, March 8, 1852, and was educated in the public schools. Following their marriage Mr. and Mrs. Arnold came to Boone county, settling upon an one hundred and sixty acre tract of land on section 8, Jackson township. It was following his marriage that Mr. Arnold attended college at Newton, Iowa, and for five or six years he engaged in teaching school in Ohio and Iowa. The greater part of his life, however, was devoted to general agricultural pursuits, and he brought his land under a high state of cultivation, transforming it into a productive and valuable farm which he carefully tilled year after year and as a result thereof gathered good harvests.

To Mr. and Mrs. Arnold were born four children: Alma A., now the wife of Arthur Wills of Jackson township; Merritt J., who married Teresa Welch and lives in Ogden, Iowa; Paul R., at home; and Emma A., the wife of Clarence Mott, of Beaver township. The family circle was broken by the hand of death when in 1896 Mr. Arnold passed away on the old homestead farm. He gave his political indorsement to the republican party and was a firm believer in its principles although never an aspirant for office. He held membership in the Methodist Episcopal church, and his life was guided by its teachings, so that at his death he left to his family not only a comfortable competence but also the priceless heritage of an untarnished name. He was always as loyal to the duties of citizenship in times of peace as when he followed the old flag upon southern battlefields, and as an early settler of the county he lived to witness a remarkable development and at all times bore his part in the work of general advancement and improvement.

JOHN T. GILDEA.

John T. Gildea, the well known postmaster and general merchant of Luther, has throughout his life been a resident of Boone county, for he was born in Worth township on the 9th of September, 1863, a son of Thomas J. and Elizabeth (Nutt) Gildea. The father was a native of Kentucky and on leaving that state came to Iowa in 1855, locating in Worth township, Boone county, where he secured land and followed farming until the Civil war. Feeling that his country needed his services, he entered the army as a member of Company H, Forty-fourth Iowa Volunteer Infantry. Returning to this state, he died in Davenport in the

fall of 1864. His widow survived him many years, passing away February 5, 1914, when seventy-four years of age. In their family were the following children: Mrs. Sarah Davis, a resident of Worth township; Philip, who is living in Worth township, two miles north of Luther; Robert, a resident of Luther; John T., of this review; L. F., who is engaged in the transfer business in Boone; and William T., a farmer of Worth township.

John T. Gildea attended the common schools of this county during his boyhood and youth and at an early age commenced farming, to which occupation he devoted his attention until his removal to Luther in the fall of 1906, when he embarked in business as a general merchant. He still owns his farm in Worth township, however, but at the present time his attention is given to mercantile pursuits. Since the 1st of September, 1912, he has also served as postmaster of Luther and is regarded as one of the most enterprising business men of his part of the county. He married Miss Rachel A. Hoffman, also a native of Boone county. Four children have been born to them, namely: Mary Mae, now the wife of James Kenser, of Luther; Grace G., at home; William Blaine, who is attending the high school in Boone; and Noah Lee, at home.

Mr. Gildea's political support has ever been given to the republican party, and he has been called upon to serve as councilman and now is school treasurer. Both he and his wife hold membership in the Luther Methodist church, and socially he is connected with the Ancient Order of United Workmen at Boone and the Odd Fellow and Rebekah lodges of Luther. Mrs. Gildea also belonging to the last named. They are well known and highly esteemed citizens of the community who merit the confidence so freely accorded them.

ALONZO J. BARKLEY.

An attractive residence erected in 1893 at No. 326 Boone street is the home of Alonzo J. Barkley, who at different times has been connected with the real-estate, telephone and banking business at Boone. His activities have been of a character which has contributed to public progress and prosperity, as well as to individual success. He retired from the presidency of the Boone County Bank on the 10th of February, 1911, after twenty-seven years' labor at the head of that institution.

Mr. Barkley is a representative of one of the pioneer families of the state and was born in Linn county, Iowa, March 27, 1842, his parents being James Newton and Lydia (Hobson) Barkley, natives of Virginia and of North Carolina respectively. In his youthful days the father accompanied his parents to Kentucky and afterward to Lawrence county, Indiana, and as soon as he attained his majority they came to Iowa and took up a claim in Linn county in 1841. While a carpenter by trade, he also engaged to some extent in farming. He continued a resident of Linn county until 1856, when he removed with his family to Boone county, settling on land in Dodge township, about eight miles from Boonesboro, on the then unbroken prairie, whose rich black sod soon began to answer his daily prayer for bread. He joined the ranks of the republican party when it required courage to announce one's political convictions along that line. His religious faith

was that of the Methodist church and in that belief he passed away April 6, 1866. It was at Bedford, Indiana, that he married Miss Hobson, who was a Quaker as were her ancestors. She passed away in 1887 at the age of seventy-four years, enjoying to the fullest degree the love of her children and the confidence and high regard of all who knew her. Unto Mr. and Mrs. Barkley were born the following named: Mary, deceased; A. J.; Harriet M., the widow of Eugene Favre; Levina; Linzy, who has passed away; Mazzini C.; and Henry, deceased.

A contemporary biographer has written: "The boy Alonzo derived his primary education chiefly through contact with nature and from the Bible, interpreted at his mother's knee, and illustrated by applications to the moral questions which arise in the progress of a young life." The school house at Ridgeport was seven miles from his home and thus it was impossible for him to pursue his studies there. The winter months were largely spent in the woods, making rails and posts, which he hauled with ox teams to the farm. In 1861, however, he divided his time between chopping cord wood, farming and attending school at Boonesboro. In the spring he concentrated his energies upon the farm work, while his father spent his time in building pioneer homes for new arrivals. As he went into the fields Alonzo Barkley would carry with him a principle in grammar or a problem in mathematics for study along the way. He mastered everything thoroughly and, while he practically had none of the training of the schoolroom, he began to show a knowledge superior to that of many whose opportunities were far greater than his own. As he followed the plow his mind was taken up with questions that developed in him the habit of thinking clearly and of arriving at correct deductions. Each lesson of his life has been thoroughly learned. At times experience has been to him a hard taskmaster, but he has never faltered in the face of duty, whether in the performance of a task for his own benefit or in the broader field of duty toward city and country.

He was but twenty years of age when he enlisted on the 11th of August, 1862, as a member of Company D, Thirty-second Iowa Volunteer Infantry. The regiment was organized at Camp Franklin, Dubuque, and a detachment of four companies—A, F, G and D—commanded by Major G. A. Eberhart, went to Cape Girardeau and spent the fall, winter and succeeding spring months in southern Missouri, building fortifications for the Cape and at Bloomfield. This detachment assisted in defeating Marmaduke's army at Cape Girardeau and driving it into Arkansas, returning in time to accompany General Davidson's cavalry division on its famous five-hundred-mile march through Missouri and Arkansas to Little Rock, where Price's army was defeated and driven out. Speaking of Mr. Barkley's military experience another writer has said: "Mr. Barkley was one of the sixty men that went up the river from Clarendon to Searcy and burned the pontoon bridge across the Little Red river after a portion of Marmaduke's army had crossed. These sixty men captured two small steamers, 'The Tom Sugg' and 'Kaskaskia,' and returned to Clarendon, one-third of their number having been killed or wounded before their return to the command. He also took part in the fight at Bayou Metoe, where one of his company was killed and two severely wounded."

The regiment was reunited at Vicksburg and in the spring of 1864 joined in Banks' Red River expedition. It participated in the skirmishes and battles of that

disastrous campaign until Pleasant Hill was reached on April 8, 1864. The next day a fierce conflict raged and Shaw's brigade, in which was Colonel Scott's Thirty-second Iowa Infantry, held the center until nightfall, when it was surrounded and obliged to cut its way out, losing more men in killed and wounded than did any other regiment in that engagement. Diligent inquiry and a hasty examination in the darkness soon disclosed the result of that day's battle and the condition of the survivors. Mr. Barkley's wound was bleeding so profusely that he went in search of surgical aid where prompt attention might stanch the flow of blood and possibly save his life. At the headquarters of General Banks he was given the necessary attention and the services of Surgeon Sanger, the distinguished medical director of the Nineteenth Army Corps. The right shoulder was then unjointed and from the torn and mangled arm below the shattered bone was cut out and removed. Long before daylight Banks had left his dead unburied on the field and the wounded to be captured and held as prisoners of war for three months, when the survivors, whose wounds forever unfitted them for military service, were taken on boats and paroled by said Surgeon Sanger and sent to New Orleans. In order to escape the yellow fever they were sent up to Memphis, Tennessee, and in December, 1864, while still a paroled prisoner, Mr. Barkley was discharged and arrived at his father's farm house on Christmas Day without notice, making a happy holiday for all.

Life's experiences were teaching Mr. Barkley the value of education and, anxious to advance along that line, he entered Cornell College at Mount Vernon, Iowa, in March, 1865, and remained until the death of his father in April, 1866. Returning home, still carrying his wounded arm in a sling, he engaged in herding cattle. In the fall of that year he was made the republican nominee for county recorder, to which office he was chosen at the regular election in November, entering upon the duties of the position in January, 1867. He was reelected in 1868 and while acting in that capacity he compiled a set of abstract books covering all lands in Boone county, doing the labor in what otherwise would have been "leisure hours" and devising his own system. Although he had never before seen a set of abstract records, he succeeded in making as complete a set as any in Iowa. On his retirement from the position of recorder he entered the real-estate and abstract business, becoming agent for the Iowa Railroad Land Company and the Blair Town Lot & Land Company, and represented large tracts in central Iowa held by non-resident landowners on his own account until 1882, when he sold out. He was connected with telephone development, his initial step in this direction being made in 1880, later constructing lines from Boone to Ames, Madrid, Ogden and Dayton. In 1891 he organized the Boone County Telephone Company and established a telephone exchange. He remained at the head of the business until 1892, when he sold out to the Bell system.

In the meantime he had become active in financial circles as one of the promoters and organizers of the Boone County Bank in February, 1884. He was elected its first vice president with R. J. Hiatt as president and Oscar Schleiter as cashier. With the withdrawal of his associate officers after five years, the bank was reorganized with Mr. Barkley as president, directing its affairs successfully until the 10th of February, 1911, when he sold his stock and retired. Under his guidance the progressive policy of the bank was tempered by a safe conserva-

tism, and the success of the institution was built upon the enterprise, sound judgment and honorable methods of the president.

It is almost impossible for a man who has been as active in business as Mr. Barkley not to be closely associated with affairs of public moment. He becomes a vital force in the community and his influence has much to do with shaping public policy. Thus it has been with Mr. Barkley, who has twice represented his ward in the city council and who in 1899 was chosen to represent his district in the twenty-eighth general assembly. After serving for two years, indorsement of his first term came in his reelection. During the first term he was a member of the library committee and assisted in preparing the bill creating the Iowa library commission, which became a law and has proven to be of much worth by advancing library development in this state. During the second term he was a member of the committee on appropriations, also on the ways and means committee and other important committees and was advanced to the chairmanship of the library committee. His bill became a law consolidating the traveling library with the Iowa library commission and the appropriation for the former was largely increased. He has closely studied questions of public moment, and his indorsement of any measure arises from the fact that he has firm belief in its effectiveness as a factor for general good.

Mr. Barkley was united in marriage November 6, 1866, in Boone county to Miss Henrietta Trickey, who died in 1889. About two years later, on the 28th of July, 1891, he was married in Ainsworth, Nebraska, to Miss Flora Spencer, who for a number of years was a successful educator in Waukon, her former home, and in the high school of Boone, Iowa. Theirs is a beautiful home, attractive by reason of its warm-hearted hospitality which is greatly enjoyed by their many friends.

Mr. Barkley has always been deeply interested in the cause of education and served for a number of years as one of the trustees of Cornell College. He is prominent in Masonic circles, holding membership in the lodge, chapter and commandery and the Mystic Shrine, and for several terms he was master of the lodge. He wears the little bronze button that proclaims his membership with the Grand Army of the Republic, and is a member of J. G. Miller Post. He has many social qualities which render him popular. He is ever ready to listen to the arguments of others, but when once determined that his course is right, nothing can swerve him therefrom. It is said that the domestic animals about his place know him for their friend and that children love him. These things are indicative of a warm heart and kindly nature.

JOSEPH FRANKLIN WHEELER.

Among those to whom success has come as the result of diligence and intelligently directed effort is Joseph Franklin Wheeler, who is now living retired, although he still occupies the home farm on section 14, Harrison township. A native of Maine, he was born on the 4th of March, 1845, a son of Joseph and Elmira (Langster) Wheeler, who in the year 1877 arrived in Boone county, where they lived for a number of years. Both are now deceased.

Joseph F. Wheeler passed his boyhood days in the Pine Tree state, being about twenty years of age when he went west to Illinois, where he was employed as a farm hand for about two years. He enlisted at Dixon, Illinois, as a member of Company G, Fifteenth Illinois Infantry, with which he served for seven and one-half months. Following the close of his military service he returned to Illinois, where he remained for a year, when on account of ill health he returned to New England, establishing his home in Penobscot county, Maine, where he lived for six years. In 1877 he came to Boone county, where he has now made his home for thirty-seven years, and throughout this period has been identified with agricultural interests. He has worked hard, earning his success by the sweat of his brow, and as the years have passed by he has advanced steadily step by step until he is now numbered among the men of affluence in Harrison township.

On the 15th of March, 1875, Mr. Wheeler was united in marriage to Miss Elizabeth Gates, a daughter of Abel and Catherine (McFadden) Gates. Mr. and Mrs. Wheeler have four children: Joseph F., who married Carrie Stoll and follows farming in Harrison township; William Arthur, living in Scotia, California; Ella I., the wife of Charles Allen, who follows farming near Stanhope, Iowa; and Mary Agnes, the wife of Irving Ross, a resident farmer of this state living near Ogden.

With an automobile it is not difficult for Mr. Wheeler and his wife to reach the city and even more remote points, and the fact that he is now living retired enables him to enjoy motor trips through the country. In politics he is a republican but without ambition for office. He belongs to the Methodist church, and his fraternal relations are with E. L. Sheldahl Post, No. 439, G. A. R., of Story City, by which means he maintains pleasant relations with his old army comrades who wore the blue uniform during the darkest hours in the country's history. He is today as true and loyal to the government as when in times of war he followed the old flag upon the battlefields of the south.

JOHN R. BUTTOLPH.

John R. Buttolph is one of the prosperous agriculturists of Pilot Mound township, Boone county, where he owns one hundred and sixty acres of land, the operation of which is now largely under the management of his son. Mr. Buttolph is a veteran of the Civil war, rendering at the time of stress valuable service to his country. He was born in Lorain county, Ohio, August 18, 1841, and is a son of George and Dorothy (Clark) Buttolph, the former born in Massachusetts and the latter in Maine. The father was a farmer and came to Linn county, Iowa, in 1854, where he remained until 1857, when he removed to Boone county, where he acquired land and operated the same until 1861. He then removed to Polk county, where he farmed until 1864, when he returned to Boone county, here continuing in his life occupation until his death in 1873. His widow survived him until March 19, 1895.

John R. Buttolph was reared and educated in Linn and Boone counties and in June, 1861, enlisted in the Second Iowa Battery, serving until the close of the war.



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He was wounded twice at Vicksburg and could always be found at the most dangerous places when defending the Union. After peace was reestablished he returned to Boone county and operated rented land for several years, at the end of which time he purchased his present farm of one hundred and sixty acres on section 32, Pilot Mound township. He closely applied himself to bringing his land under cultivation and improving his property and in the course of years has met with gratifying success, now owning one of the most valuable farms of his neighborhood.

On the 24th of December, 1865, Mr. Buttolph married Miss Sarah Myers, a daughter of Jacob and Annie (Keppel) Myers, natives of Pennsylvania. The father was a farmer and operated land in Ohio until 1854, when he removed to Boone county, acquiring property in Pilot Mound township, which he improved until his death in 1887. His wife had died the previous year. Mr. and Mrs. Buttolph have three children: Ada C., who married S. A. Elliott, a resident of Centerville; Ida S., the wife of R. W. Casey, a lumber dealer of Ogden; and John F., who operates his father's farm and resides with his parents. He was married February 14, 1900, to Miss Hannah Clausson, a daughter of Lewis and Anna S. (Hanson) Clausson, natives of Denmark, who emigrated to America and settled in Boone county at an early day in its history. Her father farmed for many years and subsequently engaged in the harness business in Pilot Mound, where he resided until his death August 8, 1912. John F. Buttolph has five children, Ora D., Leni L., Loren D., Milan D. and Franklin D. Their father is at present assessor of his township and has served for four years. During the Spanish-American war he enlisted in Company I, Fifty-second Iowa Regiment, giving thereby evidence of his patriotic spirit.

John R. Buttolph served as assessor for twenty years, as township clerk for five years and as trustee for about eight years. Politically he is a republican, giving his support to that party which took up the cause of the Union at the time of the great conflict between the north and south. He is a member of the Grand Army of the Republic and of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows. Although he is not a member of any specific church, he attends the services of all and readily contributes to those institutions and organizations which have for their purpose the betterment of humanity. He has made valuable contributions to the development of his district and is highly respected and esteemed by all who know him for what he has accomplished and the qualities of his character which have made possible his success.

THOMAS E. TOMLINSON.

Thomas E. Tomlinson, a popular restaurant proprietor of Pilot Mound, is a well known and enterprising young business man of the town. He is numbered among the worthy native sons of Boone county, his birth having occurred in Pilot Mound on the 15th of December, 1892. His parents, Thomas and Maggie (Bishop) Tomlinson, were both born in this state. The mother, a pioneer resident of Boone county, is now fifty-one years of age and has won an extensive acquaintance and many friends in the community. A sketch of her father, who

is now living retired in Pilot Mound at the age of eighty-nine years, appears on another page of this work.

Thomas E. Tomlinson was reared and educated in this county, attending the public schools of Pilot Mound. After putting aside his text-books he worked in a cement tile factory for three years and then learned the barber's trade, being thus engaged for about one year. On the expiration of that period he became proprietor of a restaurant in Pilot Mound and has thus been engaged in business to the present time. It is liberally patronized by a desirable class of people and Mr. Tomlinson is meeting with well merited success in this connection. On the 9th of February, 1914, the restaurant was destroyed by fire, but its proprietor is now erecting a cement and brick building on the main street in which to continue the business.

Mr. Tomlinson makes his home with his mother in Pilot Mound. He is the oldest of three children, the others being Gertrude, an embalmer and undertaker of Boone; and Clyde, at home. The family residence is an attractive abode on Main street. Mrs. Maggie Tomlinson is a devoted and consistent member of the Methodist church, exemplifying its teachings in her daily life. Thomas E. Tomlinson is a republican in politics and is identified fraternally with the Modern Woodmen of America. He enjoys an extensive acquaintance in his home community and has many friends who esteem him as a young man of enterprise, ability and promise.

ARTHUR M. BURNSIDE.

Arthur M. Burnside, of Boone, Boone county, not only rendered conspicuous service to the public as auditor of his county but also was for a number of years intimately connected with financial affairs as assistant cashier of the Boone National Bank, which office he held until March 1, 1914. He was born in Ames, Iowa, December 14, 1869, and is a son of John A. and Margaret P. (Smyth) Burnside, who are mentioned at length on another page of this work.

Arthur M. Burnside was reared in Iowa and Ohio, in which latter state he spent seven or eight years. He received a good public-school education, completing his schooling with a business course at Des Moines. He afterward remained for some time on his mother's farm and also taught school in Boone county for several years. In 1898 he was elected county auditor and so well did he fulfill his duties that in 1901 he was reelected, serving in all two terms. In 1905 Mr. Burnside turned his attention to banking, becoming assistant cashier of the Boone National Bank. His activities in this connection have been a factor in the growth and prosperity of this financial institution, with which he remained until March 1, 1914. Mr. Burnside is an able and shrewd business man and particularly well informed upon all banking and financial matters. He enjoys in full measure the confidence of the general public and stands high in the commercial and social life of his community.

On the 5th of October, 1905, in Wooster, Ohio, Arthur M. Burnside married Miss Jennie M. Funk, a native of Iowa and a daughter of I. N. Funk, formerly of Chariton, Lucas county. Mr. and Mrs. Burnside have one son, John Newton.

who is seven years of age and has just entered school. Politically Mr. Burnside is a republican, ever in accord with the principles of his party. He is conversant with all the issues of the day and interested in the progress and welfare of his city and section, ever ready to give material and moral support to valuable enterprises. Fraternally he is a member of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows and the Knights of Pythias, being connected with the local lodges of Boone. He attends the Methodist Episcopal church and takes part in its religious and charitable work. Mr. Burnside is numbered among the substantial citizens of Boone, having attained this position entirely through his own efforts. He is esteemed for what he has achieved and those qualities of his character which have made possible his success.

JAMES BROWN.

Farming interests have claimed the attention of James Brown since reaching man's estate, and he is today numbered among the leading agriculturists of Jackson township, his home being on section 27. He was born in Woodsfield, Monroe county, Ohio, November 13, 1844, and on both the paternal and maternal sides is of Irish extraction. His paternal great-grandfather, Josias Brown, came to this country from Ireland at an early day and died in Virginia. His son, Alexander Brown, resided in Ohio county, West Virginia, for some years and then removed with his family in 1815 to Monroe county, Ohio, settling in what is now Summit township, along Sunfish creek, where he owned large tracts of land entered from the government. There he spent his remaining days. He first married a Miss McCoy, and after her death he wedded Elizabeth Whitam. He reared a large family in which were nine sons and several daughters.

The oldest of these was Josias Brown, father of our subject. He was born in Ohio county, West Virginia, in 1803 and throughout life followed the occupation of farming, his last days being spent in Boone county, Iowa. He wedded Mary Daly, whose ancestors also came from the Emerald isle and settled in Virginia. They, too, removed to Monroe county, Ohio, and made their home on Wills creek, twelve miles from the Brown homestead. John Daly, our subject's maternal grandfather, was a hunter and trapper in Ohio at a very early day and was an expert at that business. He frequently made trips to Wheeling, West Virginia, to sell his furs, and he manufactured many of the shoes and other articles of clothing worn by the family from the hides of the animals which he trapped. His daughter, Mrs. Brown, died in Boone county at the age of ninety years, having been born in 1808. She was the mother of the following children: Benjamin W., a farmer, who died in West Virginia; Joseph O., who died in infancy; Nancy, the wife of William Smyth of Des Moines, Iowa; Ruth, who married Samuel Hunter and died in Manning, Iowa; Maria, the wife of Anthony Hunter, of Monroe county, Ohio; Josias, who makes his home on section 26, Jackson township, this county; John D., who served in the One Hundred and Sixteenth Ohio Volunteer Infantry during the Civil war and died in Salem, Kansas; James, of this review; Wilbur F., a resident of Boone; Absalom, who died

at the age of twelve years; Mary A., who died in infancy; and Vincent, who is living retired in Boone, Iowa.

During his boyhood James Brown pursued his education in an old-fashioned log schoolhouse near his home and as opportunity afforded continued to attend school until the age of twenty-one years, after which he engaged in teaching for two terms in Monroe county, Ohio. It was in 1869 that he accompanied his brother, Wilbur F. Brown, on his removal to Boone county, Iowa, and here he has since made his home, his time and attention being devoted to agricultural pursuits. After his marriage he located upon his present farm, on section 27, Jackson township, and to its further improvement and cultivation he has since devoted his energies. He had purchased the land on first coming to Iowa.

On the 2d of May, 1886, Mr. Brown was united in marriage to Mrs. Juliette (Briley) Fezler, widow of H. N. Fezler and a daughter of Elisha and Mary (Foster) Briley. They hold membership in the Prairie Center Methodist Episcopal church and are devout Christian people who are held in the highest esteem by all who know them. Mr. Brown is serving as trustee of his church and substantially aided in the building of its house of worship. His political support is given to the republican party, and he served as justice of the peace for one term. He is well known throughout the community and is regarded as one of its leading citizens.

WILLIAM STORRIER.

William Storrier, who now lives retired at No. 1128 Boone street in Boone, Iowa, was for thirty-seven years foreman of the car department of the Northwestern Railway here, always discharging his duties faithfully and to the general satisfaction of his superior officers. He was born at Forfar, Forfarshire, Scotland, in 1833, and is now in his eighty-first year. His parents were Charles and Jessie (Cowgill) Storrier, the former a laborer who spent all his life in his native land, in Forfar, where he died at the age of sixty-five. Both parents were members of the Presbyterian church. Their children, besides our subject, were: David, James and Andrew, who died in Scotland; Charles, who still makes his home there; and several who died in infancy.

William Storrier was educated in the public schools, laying aside his textbooks when about sixteen years of age. He then did railroad work on the Caledonia Railroad from Glasgow to Aberdeen for twelve years and subsequently was foreman of the passenger department for a similar period. He was married in 1855 and in June, 1866, left his native heath and landed in New York on July 4th, participating for the first time in the joyous demonstrations of Independence Day. He came to America with his wife and five children and they made their way direct to Fulton, Illinois, where he entered the employ of the Northwestern Railroad, being in charge of the railroad woodyard there. At the end of four months he was sent by the company to Boone to take charge of the car department, and he remained in the employ of the company here until he reached the age limit of seventy years, when he retired and is now enjoying the comforts of life, to which he is well entitled by long years of faithful labor.

On April 8, 1855, Mr. Storrier married in Forfar, Scotland, Miss Margaret Taylor of that city, a daughter of William Taylor. To this union were born the following children: Mary, now a resident of Omaha, Nebraska, and the widow of George Harriman, who was killed in a railroad accident; James, who is married and resides in Council Bluffs; Mina, the widow of Thomas Hunter, of Denver, Colorado; William, deceased; and Jessie, who resides at home.

Mr. Storrier and his wife are devout members of the Presbyterian church, to which they make generous contributions. He has been a lifelong republican and is thoroughly in accord with the aims of that party. He also has in past years earned quite a reputation as a performer on the violin, having studied that art in Scotland and played in an orchestra. Mr. Storrier has always been ready to promote public enterprise and has contributed toward the development of his city and county. He has many friends in Boone and all are agreed as to his high qualities of character.

SCOTT A. NORTON.

Scott A. Norton, a retired farmer and railroad man living at No. 123 Tama street, Boone, Iowa, was born on the 12th of October, 1846, in Lebanon, New York, and comes of a good old New England family. His paternal grandfather was Andrew Norton, a native of Massachusetts, where his ancestors located at a very early day. The Nortons were well known for their patriotism and honor and participated in the country's struggle for independence. Joseph A. Norton, our subject's father, was born in Massachusetts, but was quite small when he accompanied his parents on their removal to Madison county, New York, where he grew to manhood and was married to Miss Elizabeth Hoppin. She was born in that county and belonged to an old and highly esteemed New York family. Upon leaving the Empire state Joseph A. Norton removed to Sangamon county, Illinois, and made his home in Chatham until our subject was eighteen years of age and then came to Boone county, Iowa. He died in Worth township, this County, in 1865 at the age of sixty-two years, and his wife passed away here in the spring of 1887. They had eleven children, six sons and five daughters, of whom two sons served in the Civil war, these being Talcott and Freeman, who were both members of the Third Illinois Cavalry.

Scott A. Norton was nine years of age when he left his native state and removed with the family to Chatham, Sangamon county, Illinois. There he attended the public schools and early became familiar with agricultural pursuits while assisting his father on the farm. In connection with general farming the father engaged in the raising of sheep. Removing to Boone county, Iowa, they secured a farm of one hundred and sixty acres in Worth township and later extended its boundaries until it comprised three hundred and twenty acres. Our subject continued to assist in its cultivation until twenty-three years of age, when he entered the railroad service of the Northwestern as brakeman, running between Boone and Council Bluffs. Shortly afterward, however, he returned to the farm but in 1879 became a railroad fireman and remained in the service of the

company for about thirty-one years, being pensioned five years ago. He is now living retired in Boone and is enjoying a well earned rest.

In this city on the 5th of January, 1873, Mr. Norton married Miss Mattie Ballard, a native of Hamilton county, Iowa, and a daughter of John and Martha (Murphy) Ballard. Nine children blessed this union, namely: John, an engineer on the Northwestern who married Coralie Paine and lives in Boone; Dana, who married and died in Texas; Robert, a resident of Boone; Bessie, the wife of Daniel Fitzgerald of Boone; Emma and Lola, both trained nurses; Grace, who is teaching in the public schools of Boone; Isabelle, the wife of Roy Wiltamuth, and Richard O., an engineer on the Northwestern. The mother is a faithful member of the Seventh Day Adventist church, but Mr. Norton is not connected with any religious organization. For the last few years he has been a socialist in politics. He is a man of earnest convictions who is not afraid to stand by what he believes to be right and in so doing commands the respect of all who know him.

JOHN T. ALBAN.

John T. Alban, the period of whose residence in Boone county covers nearly a half century, is now living retired in Pilot Mound and is widely recognized as one of the prominent and respected citizens of the community. His birth occurred in England in March, 1840, his parents being Thomas and Margaret Alban, likewise natives of that country. The father, an agriculturist by occupation, emigrated to the United States in an early day, locating in Michigan, where he operated a farm for four years and then passed away in 1853. The demise of his wife occurred the following year.

John T. Alban acquired his education largely in Michigan. In 1861, when a young man of twenty-one years, he enlisted for service in the Union army as a member of Company F, Second Illinois Cavalry, remaining with that command for four years and five months and making a highly creditable military record. After the war he took up his abode in Lyons, Clinton county, Iowa, securing employment as engineer in a sawmill. In 1867 he came to Boone county and here operated a sawmill for three years, on the expiration of which period he purchased a tract of land in Pilot Mound township. He at once began clearing and improving the property and continued its operation successfully until 1892, when he took up his abode in Pilot Mound and for six years was engaged in the grain business. For the past sixteen years he has lived retired, enjoying the fruits of his former toil in well earned ease.

In November, 1868, Mr. Alban was joined in wedlock to Mrs. Mary Scott, nee Petty, a daughter of Zacharia and Lucinda (Runyan) Petty, who were natives of Indiana and became pioneer settlers of this county. Mr. Petty, who carried on general agricultural pursuits here for many years, passed away in 1866, while his wife was called to her final rest in 1889. Mr. and Mrs. Alban became the parents of five children, as follows: Hattie, who passed away on the 5th of September, 1908; W. C., a resident of Des Moines, Iowa; Roy, who makes his home in Boone; Arthur, of Pilot Mound; and Harry L., of Mitchell, South Dakota. The demise of the wife and mother occurred on September 5,

1907, at the end of a year's illness. Mr. Alban enjoys a wide acquaintance in the community which has so long been his home, and his strongly marked characteristics are such as commend him to the trust and friendship of his fellowmen.

DR. EDWARD L. MERRIAM.

Dr. Edward L. Merriam has been successfully engaged in practice as a veterinary surgeon of Ogden for more than two decades and since 1902 has also devoted his attention to the real-estate business in association with William E. Van Meter. His birth occurred in Leavenworth county, Kansas, on the 22d of March, 1859, his parents being Alva and Julia A. (Douglas) Merriam, the former born in Summit county, Ohio, on the 7th of August, 1825, and the latter in New Haven county, Connecticut, on the 2d of October, 1827. Alva Merriam, a carpenter by trade, removed to Kossuth county, Iowa, in 1866 and there gave his attention to agricultural pursuits until 1873, when he abandoned his property because of the grasshoppers and went to Winneshiek county. There he followed farming until 1879 and during the remainder of his life he was engaged in agricultural pursuits in South Dakota, passing away near Tripp, Hutchinson county, that state, on the 18th of March, 1888. The demise of his wife occurred in Wisconsin in February, 1890.

Edward L. Merriam was reared and educated in Kossuth and Winneshiek counties of Iowa and when seventeen years of age went to Illinois, where he was employed as a farm hand for some time. Subsequently he spent a year in the employ of the Henney Buggy Company in Freeport, Illinois, and then removed to South Dakota, where he followed farming for a time. He afterward spent three years on the road as a traveling salesman and in 1888 went to Nebraska, where he carried on general agricultural pursuits for four years. On the 17th of February, 1892, he came to Ogden, Iowa, and throughout the intervening twenty-two years has been successfully engaged in practice as a veterinary surgeon, being accorded a large patronage. In 1902 he also embarked in the real-estate business and has since successfully carried on his interests in this connection in partnership with William E. Van Meter.

On the 19th of January, 1880, Dr. Merriam was joined in wedlock to Miss Mary E. Van Meter, a daughter of Chrineyonce and Linda (Emmons) Van Meter, natives of New Jersey. The father, a miller by trade, removed to Illinois in an early day and throughout the remainder of his life devoted his attention to general agricultural pursuits in Lee and Whiteside counties. He passed away in 1898, but the mother still survives and now makes her home in Ogden, Iowa. Unto Dr. and Mrs. Merriam have been born twelve children, as follows: Stella M., who is the wife of George Sparks and resides in Boone county, this state; Emma G., the wife of Andrew Baker, of Boone, Iowa; Wilbur A., who follows farming near Mitchell, South Dakota; Edward J., a resident of Ogden, Iowa; Emery R., Melvin E., Ethel T., Ortiz W., Deltha L., Mildred U. and Isabelle G., all of whom are still under the parental roof; and one who died in infancy.

Dr. Merriam gives his political allegiance to the republican party and is now serving for the third term as justice of the peace, in which connection he has

made a highly commendable record. He has likewise held the office of constable. His religious faith is that of the Free Methodist church and he exemplifies its teachings in his daily life. His life has been well spent and those who know him entertain for him warm regard by reason of the fact that he has made good use of his opportunities and has always been fair and honorable in his relations with his fellowmen.

PETER D. SWICK.

Peter D. Swick, editor and proprietor of the Independent, a weekly paper published at Boone, was born on the 14th of December, 1847, in the town of Bennetsville, Schuyler county, New York. The Swick family was founded in America by two brothers who came here from Germany in the seventeenth century and settled in New Jersey, where one was killed in a mill. The other became the father of sixteen sons. Our subject's paternal grandfather, John Swick, was born in New Jersey, but when a young man removed to New York and later became a resident of Palatine, Illinois, where he died in 1864 at about the age of seventy years. He married Sarah Van Valkenberg, who was of Dutch descent. Their son, Charles W., was the father of our subject. He was born in New York and died at Dundee, Illinois, in 1904 at the age of seventy-seven years. His wife, the mother of our subject, bore the maiden name of Hermia R. Garrison. She was also a native of New York, and her death occurred in Dundee, Illinois, in 1907, when she had reached the ripe old age of eighty-two years. In the family were nine children.

His father being a farmer, Peter D. Swick was reared to agricultural pursuits. He was only six years of age when the family removed to Palatine, Cook county, Illinois, and there he acquired his education in the public schools, being graduated as he says by running away at the age of sixteen to enter the army during the Civil war. At the age of fourteen he tried to enlist, having at that time several cousins and uncles at the front, but was rejected. The following year he was again refused, but in March, 1864, he succeeded in entering the service as a private of Battery H, First Illinois Light Artillery. He joined his command at Kenesaw Mountain and only sixteen hours after arriving at the front participated in battle. He took active part in the siege of Atlanta and on the 22d of July, 1864, when, with a loss of fourteen, the battery was captured nine men were sent to Andersonville prison, where they were incarcerated for ten months. At Jonesboro his command assisted in capturing the railroad over which the Confederates got their supplies. They were with Sherman on the march from Atlanta to the sea and went from Savannah to Raleigh, North Carolina, where Johnston surrendered to Sherman, and when hostilities ceased Mr. Swick returned to Springfield, Illinois, where he was discharged, June 14, 1865.

For a time thereafter he worked with his father at the carpenter's trade and then began learning printing at Dundee, Illinois, in the office of the Dundee Star, where he was employed for a year or two. He was next connected with the Northwood Pioneer, which was the first newspaper started in Worth county, Iowa. Leaving Northwood in 1875, he went to Oskaloosa, Iowa, where he

worked at his trade, and from there to Lovilia, this state, where he established the Lovilia Gazette, conducting that paper for two years. Subsequently he purchased the Iowa National at Newton and was in charge of that paper for several years, after which he removed to Colfax, Iowa, where, in connection with H. W. Robinson, he was publisher of the Clipper for some time. For seven years he was with the G. A. R. Advocate at Des Moines, and after leaving that office remained in that city for six years longer. It was in 1896 that he came to Boone, where he was employed first as job printer, then as reporter on the Daily News and later as city editor for two years. In connection with C. W. Alexander he then founded the Independent, the first issue appearing July 8, 1899. It is a six column quarto and from the beginning has been devoted to the labor interests. Of the many editors who were publishing papers in Iowa when Mr. Swick took charge of the Northwood Pioneer, only two are now in active service, these being Tommy Rodgers of the Newton Record, and Mr. Swick of the Independent.

On the 17th of October, 1869, in Dundee, Illinois, was celebrated the marriage of Mr. Swick and Miss Amanda Mitchell, of that place, a daughter of Joseph and Jeanette (Walker) Mitchell. The children of this union were: Ella, who died in childhood; Maude, the wife of D. W. Kelley of Newton, Iowa; and Bert D., who was born in Colfax, Iowa, January 3, 1884, and is now in partnership with his father as proprietor of the Independent. He was educated in the public schools of Des Moines and Boone and at the age of eighteen years entered the office of his father as a printer's devil. Socially he is a member of the Improved Order of Red Men and the Mystic Workers, while the father belongs to the Improved Order of Red Men; W. C. Crooks Post, No. 329, G. A. R., of Boone; and Mount Olive Lodge No. 79, A. F. & A. M., of this city. He joined the latter fraternity in 1873, becoming a member of Northern Light Lodge, No. 206, A. F. & A. M., at Northwood. As a newspaper man he is widely known throughout the state, and as a soldier and citizen justly deserves the high esteem in which he is held by all. For more than fifteen years he has taken an active part in labor affairs and is a stanch supporter of the socialist party. On that ticket he has run for coroner, a member of the city council, mayor and congressman from the tenth district.

CHARLES OSCAR VALLINE.

For the past twenty-five years Charles Oscar Valline has been conducting a general blacksmith and machine shop in Luther and is regarded as one of the leading business men of his community. Like many of the most enterprising citizens of Iowa he is a Scandinavian by birth, having been born in the province of Westmøling, Sweden, March 21, 1850. In 1880 his parents, G. W. and Ase (Eric's-daughter) Valline, left that country and came to America, arriving in Ogden, Iowa, on the 27th of May of that year. The father was a carpenter by trade, but after coming to this country devoted his attention to farming. He died on the 11th of December, 1909, at the age of eighty-five years, and the mother passed away August 27, 1910, at the age of seventy-nine.

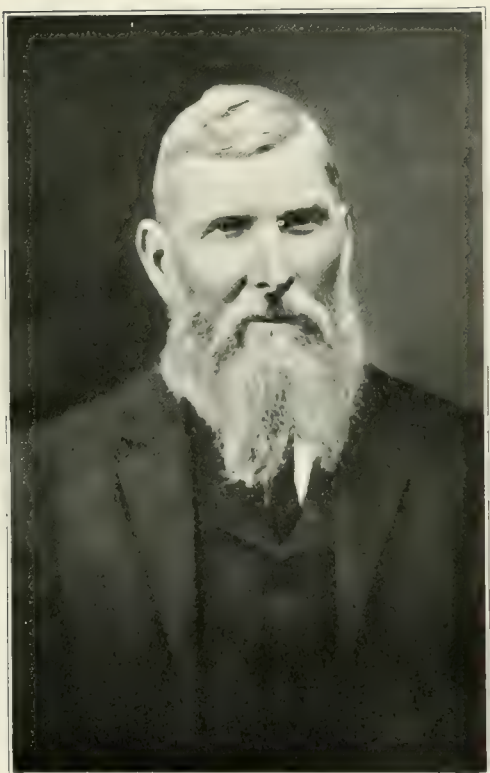
Charles Oscar Valline was their only child. He was reared and educated in the land of his nativity, remaining there until thirty years of age. His educational advantages, however, were quite meager, but being ambitious to learn he attended night school for a time. Before leaving Sweden he was married in 1874 to Miss E. M. Valline, who although of the same name, was not a relative. They have become the parents of three sons. Charles Oscar, an engineer on the Chicago & Northwestern Railroad, residing at Boone, is married and has three sons living and one daughter, deceased. H. N., who conducts a shop on the college campus at Ames, is married and has two sons. William O., who is also married, is a photographer by profession and makes his home in Des Moines, but is now traveling on account of ill health.

Mr. Valline was thirty years of age when he emigrated to the new world and took up his residence in Ogden, Iowa, where he engaged in the blacksmith business for about ten years. At the end of that time he removed to Luther, where he has since carried on business as a general blacksmith and machinist. He also conducts the only hotel in the town and being an enterprising and progressive business man, has met with well deserved success in his undertaking. His fellow citizens, recognizing his worth and ability, have called upon him to serve in public office, and he is now a member of the village council. His political support is given to the republican party, and he is a consistent member of the Swedish Lutheran church.

HENRY C. PAYNE.

After a useful and well spent life Henry C. Payne is practically living retired upon his valuable farm on section 2, Worth township, where he has now resided for sixty-three years. He was born in Clay county, Indiana, September 18, 1834, a son of George and Nancy (Stigler) Payne. The father, who was a native of Virginia, died in February, 1844, leaving a widow and five sons, of whom James Robert served in the Civil war. With the exception of our subject all are now deceased. The mother was born in Shelby county, Kentucky, in 1808, and passed away in 1892.

The first seventeen years of his life Henry C. Payne spent in his native state, and there he was educated in much the usual manner of boys of that day. In 1851, however, he accompanied his mother and stepfather, David Parker, on their removal to Boone county, Iowa, where Mr. Parker bought the farm now owned by our subject from a Mr. Kinney, paying four dollars an acre. At that time the place was entirely unimproved and in the work of development Mr. Payne bore his share. After the death of Mr. Parker in August, 1861, our subject took charge of the place and continued its operation until he retired from active labor, leaving it to the cultivation of his son. He purchased the interests of the other heirs and still owns the old homestead, consisting of one hundred and forty-eight acres, upon which he has made most of the improvements. His fine residence was destroyed by fire in 1907 but has since been rebuilt and is up-to-date in all its appointments. Thoroughly understanding his chosen occupation, he met with



MR. AND MRS. HENRY C. PAYNE

success and became recognized as one of the most progressive farmers of his community.

In 1861 Mr. Payne married Miss Ellen Myers, who died on the 3d of June, 1907, at the age of sixty-seven years. She, too, was born in Clay county, Indiana, and accompanied her parents on their removal to this county in the spring of 1857. Her youngest brother was a soldier of the Civil war and other members of the family are still residents of Boone. To Mr. and Mrs. Payne were born ten children, of whom three sons and four daughters are still living: Mrs. Hattie Downs, of Waterloo, Iowa; Mrs. Emma Wane, a resident of Boone; Mrs. Mary Fallon, of Sioux City, Iowa; Miss Cora, now clerking in a store at Sioux City; Walter, who married Miss Hallie Hull, a daughter of the late George Hull, and is now operating the home farm; Edward, a farmer and stock buyer, who is married and resides in Worth township, Boone county; and Harry, who is also a farmer and stock buyer living near Luther. He, too, is married. There are four grandchildren.

In his religious views Mr. Payne is liberal and in politics is independent. He has served in several local offices but has never cared for official honors, preferring to devote his entire time and attention to his business affairs. Having met with success as a farmer he is now able to lay aside all business cares and spend his last days in ease and retirement. During his long residence in this county he has become widely and favorably known and has a host of warm friends.

ARTHUR ALBAN.

Arthur Alban, the present mayor of Pilot Mound, was born in this county on the 30th of December, 1875, a son of John T. and Mary Albart. He assisted his father in the work of the home farm until the family home was established in Pilot Mound, in 1892. In the year 1900, in association with his brother Harry, he embarked in business as proprietor of a meat market in the town, remaining thus engaged for eight years. At the end of that time the brothers disposed of their interests in this connection, but two years later Arthur Alban again purchased the business, conducting the same alone for a few years. On the 1st of December, 1913, he sold out and has since devoted his attention to the buying of stock. Keen discernment, sound judgment and enterprise have characterized him in all of his undertakings, which have been attended with a gratifying measure of success.

In May, 1902, Mr. Alban was united in marriage to Miss Hilma Carlson, her parents being John and Clara (Hammerbeck) Carlson, natives of Sweden who emigrated to America in an early day and located in Marcy township, Boone county, Iowa. Mr. Carlson, who carried on farming here for many years, has now attained the age of seventy-nine and is living retired in North Dakota with his son. His wife passed away in June, 1909. Unto Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Alban have been born seven children, namely: Leslie E., whose demise occurred on the 1st of March, 1903; Lola, Weldon and Lenore, who are ten, eight and

seven years of age respectively; Ferrill, five years old; Marvin, who is three years of age; and Verlin, who died August 30, 1913.

Mr. Alban is a republican in politics and has been honored by election to the office of mayor in Pilot Mound, in which capacity he is now serving, giving the town a most satisfactory and commendable administration. He has likewise been a member of the town council and has done able service in the interests of the cause of education as a school director. Fraternally he is identified with the Masons, the Independent Order of Odd Fellows, the Modern Woodmen of America and the Royal Neighbors, while his religious faith is that of the Methodist church. His ideals of citizenship are high and in the relations of life which are of a more strictly social character he has displayed qualities which have rendered him popular wherever he is known.

GEORGE E. STEVENS.

George E. Stevens is spoken of as one of the giants of the Northwestern. A man six feet in height and weighing three hundred and twenty-five pounds, he is as big in spirit and interests as his stature—good-natured, kindly and genial. These are the qualities which have made him popular and gained him favor among all with whom he has come in contact. His identification with the railway service covers a period of twenty-eight years, and for eighteen years of this time he has been a freight engineer.

Ohio claims Mr. Stevens as a native son, his birth having occurred in Toledo on the 19th of January, 1864, but during his infancy he was brought to Iowa by his parents, Jacob and Lucretia (Brown) Stevens. The father was born in Greencastle, Pennsylvania, May 26, 1835, and spent his youth in that locality not far from Pittsburgh. He learned the butchering trade with his father and with him engaged in business as a cattle drover and butcher. They removed westward to Wooster, Ohio, where they continued in the same business, and later went to Toledo. As previously stated, Jacob Stevens brought his family to Iowa about 1865, and his death occurred in Boone, December 21, 1901, when he had reached the age of sixty-seven years. For about seven years he had survived his wife, who passed away in 1894. They were people of the highest respectability and during the period of their residence in this county gained the warm regard of many friends. John Stevens, the grandfather of George E. Stevens, passed away in Boone at the very venerable age of eighty-seven years. Unto Mr. and Mrs. Jacob Stevens were born the following children: Luella, the wife of L. D. Sparks of Boone; Ida, now Mrs. J. L. Kail of Chicago; George E., Jacob, deceased; Mrs. Mary Manning, who has also passed away; and Daisy, the wife of W. J. Stangy of Chicago.

Reared in the city where he still makes his home, George E. Stevens attended the public schools to the age of eighteen years, when he secured employment in a butcher shop. His father was the first butcher in Boone and furnished the Northwestern Railroad Company with meat at the time of the building of the road from State Center to Jefferson. He would go into Missouri with his partner, Mr. Mackey, and drive cattle from that state to Boone, where he would

butcher and sell to the railroad company and to the general public. After working for a time George E. Stevens, at the age of eighteen years, was sent to Hillsdale College in Michigan, where he continued his studies for a year, pursuing a business course. He entered the employ of the railroad company as a fireman, making his first trip with Conductor Albert Bolitho between Boone and Missouri Valley. His fidelity and industry won him recognition, and after ten years he was promoted to the position of engineer, having acted in this capacity in connection with the freight service for eighteen years.

On the 26th of May, 1886, in Boone, Mr. Stevens was united in marriage to Miss Mary E. O'Conner, who was born in Clinton county, Iowa, March 17, 1865, and was educated in the convent school at Alliance, Iowa. Her parents were Patrick and Catherine (Flynn) O'Conner, both of whom were natives of Ireland, but were married in Quebec, Canada. They afterward came to the United States, settling in Clinton county, Iowa. Her father engaged in the operation of sawmills and was thus actively identified with industrial interests in this state. He died in Boone in 1887, and his wife passed away in the same city in 1883. Their daughter Mrs. Stevens is a member of the Sacred Heart church, thus holding to the religious faith in which she was reared.

Unto Mr. and Mrs. Stevens have been born eight children: Mary L., now deceased; Sadie R.; Josephine, deceased; Charles Le Gora, who is a brakeman on a passenger train of the Northwestern; Ida May, at home; George Herbert; Jacob Leslie; and Margaret Helen.

Mr. Stevens belongs to the Brotherhood of Locomotive Engineers. His political indorsement is given to the republican party, which he has always supported since age conferred upon him the rights of franchise and citizenship. He has been practically a lifelong resident of Boone, where he is both widely and favorably known, and that his has been a well spent life is indicated in the fact that many who have known him from his youth to the present are numbered among his stanchest friends.

NORTON BENJAMIN BRUNNING.

A valuable farm of one hundred and sixty acres on section 10, Colfax township, is the property of Norton Benjamin Brunning and its neat appearance testifies to his ability as an agriculturist. His birth occurred in Sherbrooke, Canada, on the 1st of August, 1846, but most of his life was passed in this country, as he was taken to Glover, Orleans county, Vermont, at the age of five. The family home was maintained there for six years, after which a removal was made to Boone county, Iowa, the family arriving here in 1857. They settled on the present site of Boone and remained there until 1860. The father, Benjamin Brunning, was born in England, but came to the United States at the age of fifteen with his mother and brothers and sisters. His father, John Brunning, also a native of England, passed away on the voyage to the new world. He married Mary Howe, a native of England, and they had seven children, of whom Benjamin is the oldest. One son, William, was a soldier in the Civil war and now lives in retirement at Barton, Vermont, having reached the age of seventy-

four years. The mother of our subject was in her maidenhood Electa Sophia Norton. She was born in Glover, Vermont, in 1824, a daughter of Nathan and Rachel (Atwood) Norton, and passed away in Elmira, New York, on the 30th of May, 1888. The father later married Miss Lavinia Wetmore. He is still living at the venerable age of ninety-three years, making his home at Mansfield, Pennsylvania. His education was acquired almost entirely at home, as he never attended school but three days in his life, but he studied at night under the direction of his wife and became a well informed man. During his active life he was a Universalist minister and held charges in many parts of the country. In his family were the following children: Randall, who died in the Civil war while serving in the Fourth New York Regulars, having been wounded in the battle of the Wilderness; Norton Benjamin, of this review; and Maria, now Mrs. Adelbert McCullum.

Norton B. Brunning was educated in Vermont, Iowa and Wisconsin. While living in the last named state he enlisted, on the 18th of March, 1865, in Company G, Fifty-first Wisconsin Volunteer Infantry, under Captain Tuttle and Colonel West. At the end of the war he received his honorable discharge and removed to Lake county, Illinois, where his marriage occurred. In 1869 he came again to Boone county and here rented land for thirty years, at the end of which time he purchased the farm on which he now resides. He has met with many misfortunes as for instance when his team was killed by lightning, but has never allowed himself to become discouraged and his perseverance has brought him to prosperity.

On the 25th of December, 1868, Mr. Brunning was united in marriage to Miss Nellie Murrie, of Lake county, Illinois, a daughter of John and Jane Murrie. Mrs. Brunning died on the 17th of July, 1905, mourned by many friends. Of the seven children born of this union five died in infancy, the others being Mrs. Nellie May Coil, who lives on a farm in Minnesota and has three children, Everett B., Ralph W. and Otis Murrie; and Randall W., who married Pearl Brown and also has three children, Orville Norton, Harold L. and Benjamin E.

Mr. Brunning is a member of the Napier Methodist Episcopal church, which he helped to build and of which he served as trustee for some years. He has been a leader in township affairs and has been particularly interested in the cause of education, having served on the school board. He gives his political allegiance to the republican party, and keeps alive the memories of the days of the Civil war through his membership in Post No. 40, G. A. R., located at Ames.

EMANUEL B. LEBO.

Emanuel B. Lebo is a retired farmer of Boone county, owning eighty acres of land on section 14, Des Moines township, from which he derives a substantial annual income. He was born December 14, 1845, on the old Bitterman farm, in Dauphin county, Pennsylvania. His paternal grandfather, Peter Lebo, was born in France and the name was originally spelled Lebeau. On coming to the United States he settled in Pennsylvania. For his first wife he wedded

Miss Shive. They afterward secured a legal separation, and he married again in Montour county, Pennsylvania, where his last days were spent. Throughout the entire period of his residence in Pennsylvania he followed the occupation of farming. The grandmother of Emanuel B. Lebo was married a second time, becoming the wife of John Turner, who was a soldier of the Revolutionary war. She died in Dauphin county, Pennsylvania, at the home of her son, John Washington, the father of Emanuel B. Lebo, who was the only child by her first marriage.

John W. Lebo was born in Midland township, Dauphin county, Pennsylvania. When he was three years of age his father married again, and he was reared by Daniel Bitterman, an uncle. He acquired a good education and taught the first free school in Mifflin township, giving instruction in both English and German. He was also an expert mathematician. He married Miss Barbara Bodiger, a native of Upper Paxton township, Dauphin county, and a daughter of John Bodiger. Following their marriage they established a permanent home in Mifflin township. Mr. Lebo became a well-to-do farmer and died upon the old homestead, at the age of seventy-five years, while his wife passed away when seventy-seven years of age. They were Lutherans in religious faith, and Mr. Lebo was a democrat in his political views. He held several minor offices. In their family were seven children: Mary, deceased; Sarah Jane, who became the wife of Ellis W. Ford of Harrisburg, Pennsylvania; Daniel M., who was married twice and lived and died at Port Royal, Pennsylvania; Jeremiah, who wedded Emma Bressler and died in Elizabethville, Dauphin county, Pennsylvania; Emanuel B.; Cornelius, who is married and makes his home in Dauphin county; and Jonathan, who died upon the home farm.

Emanuel B. Lebo lived upon various farms in Dauphin county and worked through the summer months as a farm hand, while in the winter months he attended school. He started to earn his living when but eight years of age and was paid only five cents per day. Later his wages were advanced to eight cents and eventually to twenty cents, and he cradled grain for fifty cents a day. In 1863 he began learning the trade of a carriage painter in Berrysburg, Dauphin county, being then about seventeen or eighteen years of age. He served a three years' apprenticeship, after which he worked as a journeyman in Dauphin, Snyder, Perry, Juniata and Northumberland counties of Pennsylvania. In 1884 he came to the west, settling in Boone, where he worked at his trade as a contractor for six years. He then purchased a farm, which he cultivated for twenty years, after which he removed to his present home in Boone and retired. He is now enjoying the fruits of his former toil and his rest has been truly earned and is richly deserved.

Mr. Lebo was married in Augustaville, Northumberland county, Pennsylvania, November 16, 1871, to Miss Sarah Elizabeth Martz, who was born in Stone Valley, Northumberland county, a daughter of Isaac and Mary (Emerick) Martz. The father was a farmer by occupation and at different times filled local offices. He lost his right arm in the Civil war through the shot of a sharpshooter, at which time he was on his way for water for sick comrades. He was an ardent Lutheran and a very earnest and enthusiastic worker in the church. Selling his farm in Pennsylvania, he removed to Edmunds county, South Dakota, but did not remain long and came thence to Boone, where his remaining days were

passed. He died at the age of seventy years and his wife also reached the age of three score years and ten. In their family were four children: Lucy, who became the wife of Samuel Zimmerman and died in Aberdeen, South Dakota; Mrs. Lebo; Frank, residing in Los Angeles, California; and Maggie, the wife of S. Zimmerman of Boone.

Mr. and Mrs. Lebo became the parents of the following children: Alberta May, who became the wife of J. Anderson and is now deceased; Anna L., the wife of Andrew Anderson; John E., who married Maud Reese and is an engineer on the Northwestern; Gordon Ellis, of Boone, who married Kate Shicker; Elizabeth, a photographer of Boone; William Martz, who is living on the home farm and who married Fay Cutter; and Edwin C. and Everett B., twins, the former of whom is now deceased. The latter married Tillie Dyer and they reside in Boone. For thirty years Emanuel B. Lebo has made his home in this county, where he has a wide acquaintance. He has been identified with both industrial and agricultural pursuits, and while he is now living retired is still the owner of a good farm, and whatever success he has achieved in life is attributable entirely to his own efforts.

JOHN E. BISHOP.

John E. Bishop is one of Boone county's venerable citizens, having reached the age of eighty-nine years. Looking back over the past he has little to regret and looking forward to the future has nothing to fear, for his life has been an honorable and upright one and in business affairs he has never been known to take advantage of the necessities of his fellowmen. His birth occurred in Zanesfield, Ohio, August 16, 1825, his parents being John and Nancy (Seegar) Bishop, the former a native of Virginia and the latter of Baltimore, Maryland. The father was a millwright by trade and in early life went to Ohio, where he was employed at his trade, erecting a large number of mills on the Mad river. He spent the remainder of his days there and passed away in 1836. His wife died in 1835.

John E. Bishop was reared and educated in Ohio, but his school privileges were somewhat limited and the most valuable lessons of life which he has learned have been gained in the school of experience. He was but twelve years of age when he started to learn the tailor's trade, which he followed until he reached the age of twenty-one years. His health then became impaired and, thinking that outdoor life might prove beneficial, he turned his attention to farming and cultivated a farm in that locality for about four years. In 1854 he removed to Polk county, Iowa, where he purchased a tract of land, which he continued to cultivate for a decade.

During the period of the Civil war Mr. Bishop enlisted in 1864 as a member of Company H, Forty-fourth Volunteer Infantry, with which he served for one hundred days. In the fall of 1864 he returned to Ohio, where he remained for one year. While living there his wife became ill and passed away in 1865. Mr. Bishop then returned to Polk county, Iowa, where he carried on general agricultural pursuits for three years and then went to Webster county, Iowa. There



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he bought and improved land, of which he was the owner for ten years. He next removed to Pilot Mound, where he conducted a lumber business, shipping in the first lumber that was ever used in this county. He continued successfully in that business until 1896, when he retired and has since spent his remaining days in the enjoyment of well earned rest. He is still a hale and hearty man of eighty-nine years, being remarkably well preserved for one of his age.

In 1847 Mr. Bishop was united in marriage to Miss Eliza A. Bower, a daughter of Joseph and Harriet Bower, and to them have been born seven children, three of whom have passed away, while those still living are: Nancy, the wife of Lewis Stoughton, a resident of Trinidad, Colo.; Clara, the widow of N. C. Petty, who died on the 15th of January, 1909; Maggie, the wife of Martin Tomlinson, a resident of Pilot Mound; and John, a farmer of northern Minnesota. In 1865 the wife and mother passed away and the following year Mr. Bishop married Mrs. Lucinda Harvey, a widow, whose first husband was a veteran of the Civil war. The children born of this marriage were four in number, one of whom is now deceased, the living being: Annis, the wife of M. M. Davis, a resident farmer of North Dakota; Minnie, the wife of Henry J. Lundblad, a farmer living near Laurens, Iowa; and Frank Baker, of St. Paul, Minnesota. The second wife of Mr. Bishop passed away in 1902, after a long and lingering illness.

Politically Mr. Bishop is a republican, having supported the party since its organization. He was serving as one of the judges of election when President Lincoln was chosen as the chief executive of the nation. His religious faith is that of the Methodist church and to its teachings he has ever been loyal. Mr. Bishop is still quite well preserved for a man of his years and makes his home with his daughter Mrs. Clara Petty. There have been no spectacular phases in his entire career, but the faithful performance of his daily duties has made his a record well worthy of emulation. He has ever enjoyed the good-will and confidence of those with whom he has been associated and as time has passed on he has become more and more firmly entrenched in the esteem and respect of those with whom business and social relations have brought him in contact.

MARQUIS MICHELSON SMITH.

Marquis Michelson Smith, a progressive and up-to-date business man conducting a general store at Mackey, Iowa, was born in Germany on the 11th of June, 1861, and is a son of Michael Anderson and Maria (Gerberson) Smith. The parents spent their entire lives in the fatherland and both are now deceased.

Marquis M. Smith was reared and educated in Germany but at the age of seventeen years went to Denmark, where the following three years were passed. It was in 1881 that he crossed the Atlantic to the United States, determined to try his fortune in this country. Locating in Davenport, Iowa, he followed the painter's trade there for a short time and then removed to Des Moines, where three years were passed. The following two years were spent in Story City and at the end of that time he came to Boone county. In 1887 he opened a general store in Mackey and has since carried on business here, having built up an excel-

lent trade in the meantime. His stock is large and well selected and in the delivery of his goods he uses an auto truck.

Mr. Smith was married on the 23d of October, 1885, to Miss Christina Christianson, a daughter of Thomas Peterson, and they have become the parents of the following children: William, who married Christina Weigel and is now employed as an engineer on the Illinois Central Railroad with headquarters at Council Bluffs; Harry, who married Beatrice York and is engaged in farming in Harrison township; Mamie, who is teaching school in that township; and Andrew, who assists his father in the store and resides at home.

For sixteen years Mr. Smith served as postmaster of Mackey but the office was discontinued in 1905. He is an earnest member of the Methodist church and belongs to the Danish Brotherhood and Modern Woodmen Lodge, No. 7803, of Mackey, of which he is now clerk. His success in life is due to his own untiring efforts, sound judgment and reliable dealing, and besides his store he today owns forty acres of improved land. Always courteous and accommodating, he has made many friends during his residence in this county and both as a business man and citizen stands deservedly high in the estimation of his fellow citizens.

GEORGE HENRY STEVENS.

The life record of George Henry Stevens is interwoven with the history of Boone, where he has been a resident for half a century, becoming well known as a carpenter, builder and architect. He has now passed the eighty-first milestone on life's journey, having been born in Almond, Allegany county, New York, June 8, 1833.

His paternal grandfather, Phineas Stevens, was descended from Henry Stevens, who was a son of Nickolas Stevens, an officer under Cromwell, and who came to this country in 1678, settling at Stonington, Connecticut. Phineas Stevens was the first white child born at Almond, New York. His son, Levi Stevens, the father of the subject of this review, was also a native of Almond and married Jemima Dyke. She was a descendant of Captain Nathaniel Dyke, a native of Connecticut, who was educated at Yale and who served in the Revolution, being an officer in the American army. He was on the staff of General Warren at Boston and later was on the staff of General Washington. The Stevens, McHenry and Dyke families were among the early settlers of Allegany county, New York. Levi Stevens followed the occupations of farming and of carpentering. His political indorsement was given to the whig party, and both he and his wife were Universalists in religious faith. Her death occurred in Allegany county in 1847, when she was nearly fifty years of age. They were the parents of eleven children: Harriet, who became the wife of Lester Ely and died in Nebraska at the advanced age of eighty-six years; James, of Rochester, New York, now deceased, who married Georgie Annie Allen and after her death wedded Ophelia Goff; Robert, who married a Miss Stoddard and located in Rochester, New York, but died in Detroit, Michigan; Ann, who became the wife of William Wilcox and died in Dunkirk, New York; William, who also passed away in the Empire state; Jackson, who makes his home in Hamilton, Illinois; Martin, who died in childhood;

George Henry, of this review; Asher, who with his brother Martin was burned to death in a fire that destroyed their old home in New York; Llewellyn, who was a soldier in an Illinois regiment during the Civil war; and Lucien, who also served in the Civil war and is now in the National Soldiers' Home at Danville.

In his youthful days George Henry Stevens attended the subscription schools to the age of eighteen years. He was reared upon the home farm and when a youth of fifteen began learning the carpenter's trade, which he made his life work. On the 20th of December, 1858, when a young man of twenty-five years, he married Emily Thankful McHenry, a daughter of James and Abigail (Vincent) McHenry. Mrs. Stevens was born October 12, 1836, in Almond, New York, and attended school there and also an academy at Alfred, New York. She then began teaching at the age of twenty years in the country schools and was thus employed to the time of her marriage.

Her father, a son of Captain John McHenry of the Revolution, made farming his life work and always continued a resident of the Empire state. By his first marriage he had four children. Benjamin, who was born November 13, 1813, married Julia Hall and lived in Allegany county, New York, to an old age, after which he removed to Denison, Iowa, where his last days were passed. Josiah McHenry, born August 15, 1815, married Minerva Green and spent his entire life in Allegany county, New York, where he engaged in the hotel business. Priscilla, born July 13, 1817, became the wife of James Chase in 1838. They went as far west as Nauvoo, Illinois, with the Mormons, after which Mrs. Chase was taken back to New York state by her brother Josiah and never returned, her husband afterward going to England as a Mormon missionary. Roswell, born November 24, 1819, married Sarah Coffee and they removed to Rock county, Wisconsin, becoming pioneer settlers of that locality, in which they spent their remaining days. Having lost his first wife, James McHenry married, in 1821, Miss Abigail Vincent, and their children were as follows: James Vincent, born October 16, 1822, married Dency Teft and settled in Rock county, Wisconsin, and afterward went to Denison, Iowa, where his death occurred. Elizabeth, born January 9, 1825, became the wife of Thomas Cottrell and died in Allegany county, New York. Richard Charles, born April 10, 1826, married Adeline Peck, and they remained residents of Allegany county until called to their final rest. Amelia, born October 16, 1828, became the wife of Milo Wigant, an attorney, who removed westward to Helena, Arkansas, and finally became a resident of Oregon, where both passed away. Morris, born July 29, 1831, removed to Crawford county, Iowa, where he wedded Mary L. Comfort. He served as first county surveyor and continued in office until his death in 1911. Mary Eleanor, born October 31, 1833, became the wife of William Coon and settled in Crawford county, Iowa, where her death occurred. Mrs. Stevens is the next of the family. Abigail, born July 11, 1839, became the wife of Paul M. Green and they removed to Rock county, Wisconsin, where they spent the remainder of their lives. For his third wife James McHenry chose Sarah Alexander and they had one child, William Alexander, who was born March 6, 1841. He married Miss Mary Sears, and he served as a soldier in the Eighth Illinois Cavalry during the Civil war. He afterward settled in Denison, Iowa.

Following the marriage of George Henry Stevens and Emily Thankful McHenry they began their domestic life in the east, but in 1865 came to Iowa, influ-

enced by the fact that Mrs. Stevens had two brothers at Denison, Crawford county. Mr. and Mrs. Stevens intended joining them there and proceeded by train as far as Nevada, which was then the terminus of the railroad. They then took the stage for Denison, but found the country so wild and undeveloped that they returned to Boonesboro, which was then a village of promise, later establishing their home at the corner of Eighth and Benton streets, Boone, where Mr. Stevens built a dwelling. He acquired a farm of one hundred and twenty acres in Crawford county, which he developed but eventually sold. After his removal to the west, however, he continued to follow his trade and as an architect and builder became well known in this county, erecting many of the early substantial residences of Boone and the surrounding country, while the Phipps Hotel, one of the first hostelryes of Boone, was a monument to his skill and enterprise as a builder.

Mr. and Mrs. Stevens have a daughter, Marie Burr, who was born in New York, January 1, 1861, was educated in the public schools of Boone and was graduated from the high school with the class of 1879. On the 2d of October, 1879, she became the wife of John H. Boggs Frampton, by whom she had five children: George Elliott, a brakeman on a passenger train on the Chicago & Northwestern, who married Rosalee Forbes; Arthur Vincent, an electrician of Boone, who wedded Mary Smith; Mary Emily, who was a graduate of the Boone high school and attended Simpson College for two years, but passed away November 23, 1911, at the age of twenty-six years; Walter John, a passenger brakeman residing at home; and Harris Burr, who is attending school at Iowa City. The father of these children, John Harris Boggs Frampton, is next to the oldest engineer in point of service on the Western Iowa division of the Chicago & Northwestern Railway. When Mrs. McKinley was taken ill on a tour over the country with the President Mr. Frampton was chosen as the one to haul the train from Omaha to Boone and was highly complimented for the manner in which he performed this service by the president, who noted his extreme carefulness.

Mr. Stevens cast his first presidential ballot for John C. Fremont in 1856 and has since been a stalwart supporter of the republican party but has never sought nor desired office. He and his wife are members of the Methodist Episcopal church, and their many good qualities have gained for them the high regard, confidence and good-will of all who know them. No history of Boone county would be complete without reference to them, for they have been actively identified with its upbuilding and progress through five decades.

MARK C. JONES, M. D.

Dr. Mark C. Jones, a physician and surgeon of established reputation and recognized skill, has practiced his profession in Boone for the past five years with gratifying results. His birth occurred in McLean county, Illinois, on the 24th of September, 1871, his parents being Nelson and Eliza A. (White) Jones, the former a native of Ohio and the latter of Indiana. Both have passed away. Throughout his active business career Nelson Jones devoted his attention to general agricultural pursuits. To him and his wife were born five children, as follows: Ward B., who is a resident of McLean county, Illinois; Lattie G.,

also living in McLean county, Illinois; Anna, who is the wife of S. R. Hilts, of Bloomington, Illinois; Elmetta, at home; and Mark C., of this review.

The last named supplemented his early education by a course of study in the Illinois State Normal University at Normal, and subsequently attended Eastman College of Poughkeepsie, New York. He afterward spent three years in the Third National Bank of Bloomington and then took up the study of medicine in St. Louis University, which institution conferred upon him the degree of M. D. in 1898. Dr. Jones first located for practice in Illinois, but after a short period removed to Indiana, where he followed his profession successfully for ten years. In 1911 he came to Boone, Iowa, where he has remained to the present time, building up a gratifying and remunerative practice.

On the 21st of September, 1898, Dr. Jones was united in marriage to Miss Harriett White, a native of Illinois, by whom he has three children, as follows: Margaret, whose birth occurred on the 4th of June, 1900; Robert N., who was born June 2, 1903; and Grace Virginia, whose natal day was December 21, 1907.

In his political views Dr. Jones is a progressive, advocating the principles set forth by Theodore Roosevelt at the time of the birth of the party. He is a worthy exemplar of the Masonic fraternity, while his religious faith is that of the Presbyterian church. His acquaintance is wide, and he has a host of friends, whose high regard he has gained through his professional ability, his deference to the opinions of others, his genial manner and unfailing courtesy.

GOTHARD HEEDWELL.

Boone county has drawn its quota of citizens from various sections, not only of this country, but of the globe. Among those who have come from Sweden is Gothard Heedwell, who since 1907 has had charge of the county farm. He was born in Sweden in 1861 and his first name was takgn from the famous Gothard tunnel through the Alps. His father was a graduate of an agricultural college and became manager of a large estate. At length he determined to try his fortune in America and crossed the Atlantic with his family, making his way to Boone county, Iowa, at which time he settled in Marcy township. He began work in the mines, as did his son Gothard, and they were thus employed for thirteen years, or until able to purchase a farm. The parents, Mr. and Mrs. Eric Heedwell, still reside upon the old homestead in Marcy township and are well known and representative agricultural people.

Gothard Heedwell had a common-school education such as he could secure at that early day. He was but six years of age when the family came to the new world and was quite young when he started out to earn his own living, for his parents were in limited financial circumstances and needed his assistance, for he was the eldest in a family of five children, the others being daughters. Ellen, his eldest sister, became the wife of Eric Anderson and now resides upon a farm near Boone. Selma married J. E. Sandereen, who is farming in Kansas. Lydia is the wife of the Rev. J. A. Edlund, pastor of a Lutheran church in Idaho. Olma died of measles at an early age.

Gothard Heedwell spent his youth largely in this county and, as previously stated, began to earn his own living when quite young, working with his father in the mines. In 1893 he was united in marriage to Miss Ellen Aspengren, whose parents and family still reside in Sweden, the daughter coming alone to the United States. For twelve years prior to 1907 Mr. Heedwell spent much of his time on the Pacific coast, employed on various fruit ranches. During the last period of his residence in that section of the country he had charge of a ranch of four hundred and twenty acres near San Jose, California, which was the property of W. W. Montague. Since 1907 he has had charge of the county farm of Boone county, comprising two hundred and thirty-six acres, and has most capably, ably and wisely directed its cultivation and management. He has succeeded in reducing the expense of its operation to a minimum. At the present time the inmates number thirty-three insane and thirty-one paupers, and by reason of what is raised upon the farm the average cost of meals per individual has been reduced to four and a half cents—a great saving to the taxpayers of the county.

Mr. Heedwell is a republican in his political views and staunchly advocates the principles of his party. He belongs to the Modern Woodmen Camp at Ogden, Iowa, and he attends the Lutheran church, although he does not hold membership with any denomination. He has many of the sterling characteristics of the sons of Sweden and has become thoroughly imbued with the spirit of enterprise characteristic of the new world. He has made good use of his time and opportunities on this side of the Atlantic and whatever prosperity has come to him is well deserved.

DE WITT C. WILEY.

De Witt C. Wiley has for more than two decades represented the Minneapolis & St. Louis Railway as agent at Pilot Mound and is a highly esteemed and progressive citizen of the town. His birth occurred near Rochester, in Wayne county, New York, on the 7th of December, 1855, his parents being Alex and Lucy Wiley, who were likewise natives of the Empire state. The father followed general agricultural pursuits in New York for many years but subsequently removed to Michigan, where he spent the remainder of his life, passing away on the 20th of April, 1889. The mother was called to her final rest in 1897.

De Witt C. Wiley was reared and educated in the state of his nativity and afterward made his way to Wisconsin, where he learned telegraphy and entered the service of the Wabash Railroad Company, continuing with the corporation from 1882 until 1893. In the latter year he came to Pilot Mound, Boone county, Iowa, and accepted a position as agent with the Minneapolis & St. Louis Railway, in which capacity he has ably served throughout the intervening twenty-one years, discharging his duties in a highly satisfactory manner.

On the 11th of April, 1883, Mr. Wiley was united in marriage to Mrs. Anna (Derry) Parker, who was born in Illiopolis, Illinois, in September, 1858, her parents being M. H. and Harriet (Dickerson) Derry, the former a native of West Virginia and the latter of Illinois. Mr. Derry was a railroad man and made his home at Illiopolis, Illinois, until his death in November, 1897, while the demise

of his wife occurred in August, 1907. To Mr. and Mrs. Wiley has been born one child, Ruby B., now seventeen years of age, who is attending school. Mrs. Wiley has been twice married and by her first husband had a son and daughter: Fanny E., who died on the 6th of February, 1889, when eight years of age, and J. C. Parker, who is a practicing dentist of Rockwell City, Iowa.

Mr. Wiley supports the prohibition party at the polls, believing that the liquor traffic is one of the worst evils with which this country has to contend. He has served as a member of the town council and did creditable work in that connection. His religious faith is that of the Methodist church, while fraternally he is identified with the Modern Woodmen of America. He has a wide circle of acquaintances throughout the community and is best liked where he is best known—a fact indicative of qualities of character that are commendable, ever commanding respect and regard.

THEODORE A. ADAMS.

For twenty-two years Theodore A. Adams has been a passenger engineer on the Northwestern railroad, having ever discharged his duties with circumspection and faithfulness. He now resides in a pretty home at No. 229 Cedar street, Boone. He was born January 30, 1858, in Monroe county, Wisconsin, and is a son of Nathaniel and Matilda (Curry) Adams. The father was born in New England. He served in the Thirty-sixth Wisconsin Volunteer Infantry as a private and was killed in the battle of Petersburg. Matilda Curry was a daughter of Riley Curry, who was born in Ireland and upon coming to the United States settled near Perry, Iowa, where he followed agricultural pursuits. Mrs. Adams subsequent to her first husband's death married Andrew J. Hutson. She was a member of the Methodist Episcopal church and died in Perry, Iowa. Mr. and Mrs. Adams had four children: John H., of Valley Junction, Iowa, who married twice; Maria, who married John Cameron of Des Moines, Iowa; Theodore A., of this review; and Frank, of Valley Junction, Iowa.

Theodore A. Adams spent the first years of his life in Wisconsin, attending school in the little village of Ripon, that state. After his father's death the family removed to Iowa, and he completed his education in the schools of Grand Junction. He entered upon the duties of life by assisting his stepfather and the latter's brother, who were engaged in building operations and in moving houses. After leaving home Mr. Adams first worked for a Mr. Hughes on a farm five miles north of Beaver, Iowa, being at that time about eighteen years of age and receiving in remuneration for his services eighteen dollars per month and board. There he remained for a year and then worked for his brother John, who conducted a livery stable at Grand Junction, remaining for about two years. At the end of that time he first took up railroad work, becoming a brakeman on the Rock Island railroad on February 20, 1878. His run was from Grand Junction to Fort Dodge, and there he continued until October 17, 1879, when he became brakeman on the Northwestern between Boone and Belle Plaine, holding that position until the fall of 1880. He next was fireman for the same company for two years and in January, 1883, was promoted to engineer, his run being in

Iowa between the Missouri and Mississippi rivers. For the last twelve years Mr. Adams has had the passenger run between Boone and Omaha. He has shown himself capable in the discharge of his duties and stands high in the estimation of his superior officers. Many are those who know him in Boone, and he also has many acquaintances among the passengers who travel regularly on his run and who esteem him as a reliable, trustworthy official.

On May 12, 1879, Mr. Adams married in Grand Junction, Iowa, Miss Mary Luce, a daughter of John and Elizabeth Luce, the former a carpenter by trade. To this union were born six children. Frank, of Grand Junction, Iowa, was born March 15, 1880. He is a graduate of the Boone schools and is now a conductor on the Northwestern railroad, making his home with our subject. He is prominent in Masonry, having become a Shriner at the age of twenty-one and being at that time one of the youngest in the state. Etta May, who was born in Perry, Iowa, September 16, 1882, is now Mrs. Edward Painter, of Leadville, Colorado. Ollie, who was born in Boone, February 1, 1885, married R. W. Weaver and they are now living in Des Moines. Cleo, who was born in Boone, April 4, 1893, is clerk to the foreman at the round house of the Chicago and Northwestern railroad and resides at home. Charles is deceased and another died in infancy. Mrs. Adams is a member of the Presbyterian church, the services of which her husband also attends. The latter is politically independent, preferring to follow his own judgment in giving his support to such candidates as he considers best fitted for the position to which they aspire, irrespective of party lines. Fraternally he belongs to the Brotherhood of Locomotive Engineers and is popular in that organization. He has many friends in Boone, all of whom speak of him in the highest terms of appreciation.

JOHN R. BOONE.

John R. Boone is now living retired, making his home with his son S. A. Boone, in the city which bears the family name. He has been a resident of this part of the state for many years and is widely and favorably known. He was born February 29, 1836, near Fredericksburg, Wayne county, Ohio, and has passed the seventy-eighth milestone on life's journey, his parents being Samuel and Susan (Davidson) Boone. His paternal grandfather, James Boone, was a native of Pennsylvania, born near Philadelphia, and he devoted much of his life to teaching mathematics. He passed away in 1783 and was buried in the Friends cemetery, between Brandywine and Philadelphia. Throughout his entire life he had been identified with the Society of Friends, or Quakers. His son Samuel Boone was also born in the vicinity of Philadelphia. His mother died at his birth and by his father's death he was left an orphan when but three years of age. He then went to live in the home of his aunt, Mrs. Leash, in Westmoreland county, Pennsylvania, and throughout his entire life he followed farming. In 1802 he removed to Wayne county, Ohio, where he lived for three years, at the end of which time he secured timber land in Holmes county, Ohio. This he cleared and developed, making his home there until his death, which occurred in 1847, when he was sixty-seven years of age. His religious faith was that of the Presbyterian

church, and his political belief was that of the democratic party. His wife died in Holmes county in 1868, at the age of seventy-eight years, passing away in the faith of the Presbyterian church, of which she was a devoted member.

John R. Boone was one of a family of eleven children. He was educated in the academy at Haysville, Ohio, and in a college at Canonsburg, Pennsylvania, completing his course in the latter institution when twenty-six years of age. In the meantime, however, when a youth of sixteen, he had begun teaching in the schools of Holmes county, Ohio, devoting four years to that profession there. In fact, for several years he continued to teach and attend school alternately. After leaving Holmes county he took charge of a school in Ashland county, Ohio, where he continued teaching for a year and a half. He also engaged in the dry-goods business at Jeromesville, Ohio, where he conducted his store for more than two years, and on the expiration of that period he came to Iowa, making his way to Independence, where he took charge of the county schools, directing educational activity in the county from 1864 until 1882. He also engaged in farming in the county for eight years of that period. He eventually located in Independence, where he entered upon the practice of law, which he followed until 1882, when he removed to Angola, Steuben county, Indiana, where he conducted a creamery business for seven years, or until 1889. He then sold out and removed to Chicago, where he engaged in the real-estate business. He was clerk in the office of Carter Harrison, Sr., who was then revenue collector, Mr. Boone occupying that position from 1889 until 1894, when he came to the city which bears his name. Here he has lived retired.

Mr. Boone was married in Wayne county, Ohio, to Miss Nancy J. Wilson, a daughter of Squire Wilson. Mrs. Boone passed away in this city March 16, 1914, and was laid to rest in the Boone cemetery. She was a devoted member of the Christian church and possessed many excellent traits of heart and mind. Mr. Boone also belongs to the Christian church, with which he united in 1863, and his life has ever been conducted in harmony with its principles. In politics he is a stanch democrat and in matters of citizenship has displayed a progressive spirit, cooperating with many movements for public progress in the different localities in which he has made his home. His has been a well spent life, and in the evening of his days he receives the respect and veneration which should ever be accorded one of his years whose record is honorable.

To Mr. and Mrs. Boone were born three children. The eldest, Clinton T., a resident of Casper, Wyoming, married Catherine Boyd of Columbus, Ohio. The daughter Minnie S., died at the age of eighteen years. The younger son, Samuel A., was born in Independence, Iowa, February 3, 1869, and was reared to manhood in Angola, Indiana, where he pursued his education in the public schools to the age of seventeen years, when he entered the employ of the Baltimore & Ohio Railroad at Newark, Ohio, as fireman on an engine. Later, in 1892, he went to Chicago, where he resided until December, 1893, and during that period was employed as a fireman on the Chicago & Northwestern. He next came to Boone, where he was made an engineer and has since been identified with railway interests, occupying an enviable and well earned reputation in this connection. He has been chairman of the Brotherhood of Locomotive Firemen and Enginemen for fourteen years and still occupies that position. On the 20th of October, 1896, Samuel Boone was married to Miss Maud Clinton McIntosh, who was born

in Boone and was educated in the public schools, being graduated from high school at the age of eighteen. She next entered Drake University at Des Moines, where she pursued a course in painting, and for ten years she has successfully engaged in teaching painting. To Mr. and Mrs. Samuel Boone have been born two children: Louise, who died in infancy; and Donald A., who was born June 22, 1900, and attends the Boone high school. In his political views the father is a democrat and fraternally is connected with the Masons. His wife is a member of the Eastern Star, in which she has held office. Mr. Boone and his family hold membership in the Christian church and are highly esteemed in the city where they have now resided for more than twenty years.

JOHN L. GOOD.

John L. Good, who since 1903 has made his home in Boone, but for thirty-five years previously had been a resident of the county, was born in Gratz, Dauphin county, Pennsylvania, April 9, 1845, a son of Daniel and Margaret (Reedy) Good, who were also natives of the Keystone state. The father was a tanner by trade, but in his later years followed farming. Unto him and his wife were born ten children: Jeremiah, who died in Boone; Sarah, who was the wife of Samuel Schoffstall and has passed away; Catherine, the widow of J. P. Stein of Dauphin county, Pennsylvania; Daniel and Mary, also residents of the Keystone state; John L.; Emma, the wife of J. A. Umholtz, deceased; Amelia, the wife of F. Boyer of Pennsylvania; Henry, a resident of Tremont, Pennsylvania; and George, who died in infancy.

Through the period of his boyhood and youth John L. Good attended the public schools and remained at home until after the outbreak of the Civil war, when his patriotic spirit prompted his enlistment and he became a private of Company I, One Hundred and Seventy-seventh Pennsylvania Infantry, with which he served for nine months in the Army of the Potomac. His command was stationed at Deep Creek, Virginia, at the time of the Confederate invasion of Pennsylvania in 1863 and was sent by rail to Frederick, Maryland, whence they marched to the battlefield of Gettysburg, arriving there on the evening of July 3d. During the night the rebel forces retreated and on the morning of the 4th Mr. Good's command was sent on a forced march to Harpers Ferry to cut off the retreat. On the 5th of August, 1863, they were discharged at Harrisburg, Pennsylvania, as the term of nine months for which they had enlisted had expired. Mr. Good then reenlisted, becoming corporal of Company H, Two Hundred and Tenth Pennsylvania Infantry, which was also a part of the Army of the Potomac. He participated in a number of skirmishes and the battles of Deep Creek, Dabney Mills, Hatchies Run and Gravel Run, and during the latter engagement was wounded by a gunshot through the thigh on the 31st day of March, 1865. Being thus disabled, he was sent to the hospital, where he remained until discharged from service on the 30th day of May, 1865, at the United States General Hospital at Chester, Pennsylvania. His grandfather, Leonard Reedy, served in the War of 1812.



MR. AND MRS. JOHN L. GOOD

Following his return home from the war Mr. Good attended school for a time and later engaged in teaching for about a year, or until after his marriage, which occurred in 1867. He subsequently clerked in a store for about two years, but in April, 1869, he came west, having resigned his position in the store upon the advice of his physician. He made his way to Boone county, Iowa, settling at Pilot Mound. There he engaged in farming and stock-raising and for many years carefully tilled his fields and raised his stock, both branches of his business proving profitable. His affairs were conducted along most practical and progressive lines, and his energy and determination brought to him the success which now enables him to live retired. He is still the owner of the old homestead in Grant township but moved to Boone in 1903 and in 1904 erected a fine residence at No. 103 East Seventh street, where he has since lived, being one of the worthy citizens of Boone.

On the 17th of January, 1867, Mr. Good was united in marriage to Miss Cassiah Schreffler, a native of Dauphin county, Pennsylvania, who died January 4, 1910, at the age of sixty-one years. Nine children were born of that marriage: Annie M., the wife of Henry Dockey, of Pilot Mount; Hattie A., deceased; Daniel and Grant, who are residents of Ogden, this county; Minnie E., the wife of Henry Wolf of Fort Dodge; Mary E., deceased; Katie D., the deceased wife of Orlando Zunkel; a son who died in infancy; and Lucile Mae, at home.

In his political views Mr. Good is a republican, and for six years he served as a member of the board of county supervisors. For two terms he represented his district in the state legislature, where he gave close consideration to the vital questions which came up for settlement. He belongs to the Grand Army of the Republic, the Knights of Pythias and the Independent Order of Odd Fellows, and his religious faith is manifest in his membership in the Presbyterian church. His salient qualities are such as are worthy of respect. Various tangible evidences of his progressiveness in citizenship may be cited, and none has ever questioned the integrity of his motives in office. In business affairs, too, he is thoroughly reliable, and his intelligently directed efforts have brought to him the measure of success which now enables him to live retired.

WILSON ABRAHAM.

With the development of the west Wilson Abraham is thoroughly familiar, for at an early day he was engaged in freighting across the plains and was identified with the agricultural development of Boone county, but is now living retired in Luther, enjoying the rest which should always follow a useful and well spent life.

He was born near Ottawa, in Carleton county, Canada, December 30, 1843, and is a son of James Abraham, who was a native of Ireland, and from that country emigrated to Canada at an early day, making the trip across the Atlantic with his uncle John T. Rutledge. He had received a good common-school education and for some years was engaged in lumbering on the Ottawa river. He was married in Carleton county to Miss Maria Wilson, who was born on the Atlantic, April 23, 1822, and was reared and educated in Canada. Her parents were George

B. and Alice (Cassidy) Wilson. Her father was a well educated man and was not only engaged in farming but also conducted a store and followed the lumber business for some years. He was twice married and died in Canada. James Abraham, father of our subject, brought his family to Boone county, Iowa, in 1866, and located upon a farm of one hundred and sixty acres in Colfax township. This was all wild land, but to its improvement and cultivation he at once turned his attention and made his home thereon until his death, which occurred on the 6th of August, 1887. His wife long survived him, passing away in Luther, March 3, 1907. Their children were as follows: John, who married Lizzie Noble, became a resident of Chicago in 1862, but a few years later removed to Shawano county, Wisconsin. Sarah A. became the wife of James Stringer of Bruce county, Canada, where her death occurred. Wilson is the next in order of birth. Maggie is the wife of W. H. H. Scott of Colorado. Mary A. is the wife of John W. Leland of Montana. Belle is the widow of J. W. Murray, who was a judge in Montana for many years prior to his death. He was a boyhood friend of Senator Clark, and they were in business together until 1885. George B. was born in Huron county, Ontario, Canada, and was educated in the schools there and in Boone county. He is a prominent republican and is now serving as mayor of Luther. Jane B. is the wife of S. B. Payne of Jordon, Iowa. Angeline is the wife of C. A. Shade of Winterset, Iowa. Lizzie is the widow of G. A. Martin and a resident of Luther.

Wilson Abraham grew to manhood in Huron county, Ontario, Canada, where he pursued his education in the common schools and continued to reside until the removal of the family to Boone county, Iowa, in 1866. He aided his father in breaking the land and cultivating the home farm here and for three years, between 1868 and 1872, engaged in freighting for the United States government in Colorado, Montana and Wyoming. His train was supplied with an escort of United States troops and was attacked by the Indians on Crazy Woman's Creek, but the trouble was peacefully settled. Returning to Boone county in 1872, he resumed farming and continued to operate the old home place until 1900, when he removed to Luther and has since lived retired from active labor. By his ballot he supports the men and measures of the republican party, and he is an earnest and consistent member of the Methodist Episcopal church.

JAMES MONROE HILTS.

For a third of a century James Monroe Hiltz has been identified with the agricultural interests of Boone county and now owns a good farm in Harrison township. He is a native of the Empire state, for he was born in Oneida county, New York, September 7, 1841, and is a son of Joseph and Mary (Ladd) Hiltz, also natives of New York, the former born in Herkimer county and the latter near Boonville. He traces his ancestry back to Revolutionary stock, for members of the family served in both the war for independence and the War of 1812. It was his desire to enter the army during the Civil war but ill health prevented this. He has, however, manifested his patriotism in many ways. In 1847 he was taken by his parents to St. Charles, Illinois, near which city his parents engaged in

farming. Both parents died in that state. Their children were: James Madison, a twin brother of James Monroe and a resident of La Grande, Oregon; Frank, of Boone, Iowa; and Lewis R., of South Dakota.

James M. Hilts was only six years of age when the family left New York and removed to Illinois, where he grew to manhood, assisting his father in the operation of the home farm. From that state he went to Kansas and in 1881 came to Iowa, since which time he has been a resident of Boone county. He follows general farming and today owns a well improved place of eighty acres in Harrison township, to the cultivation and improvement of which he devotes his entire attention. He is a progressive farmer, keeping up-to-date in methods of agriculture, and is the owner of an automobile.

On the 18th of March, 1874, Mr. Hilts was united in marriage to Miss Ida A. Grover, a daughter of Justin L. and Altana (Ward) Grover, both of whom are now deceased. The father was a soldier of the Civil war and passed away in the hospital at Kingston, South Carolina. Mr. Hilts has never taken a very active nor prominent part in public affairs but by his ballot supports the men and measures of the republican party, casting his first vote for Abraham Lincoln. He is prominently identified with the Masonic fraternity, having joined Unity Lodge, No. 48, A. F. & A. M., of St. Charles in 1862. He demitted to Mount Olive Lodge, No. 79, A. F. & A. M., in Boone in 1883 and today is also connected with the chapter and commandery at that place. During his long residence here he has made a host of warm friends and is highly esteemed by all who know him.

MERRITT B. JONES.

Merritt B. Jones is successfully engaged in draying and the livery business and also deals to some extent in horses. He was born in Jackson township, Boone county, on a farm which is now owned by H. A. Cobb, on May 10, 1880, and is a son of Lewis and Louise (Sawyer) Jones. The father was born in Ohio, where he lived until seven years of age, when he was brought to Porter county, Indiana, where he attended the public schools. His early life was spent upon a farm in **that state**, and he subsequently married in Indiana, where he and his family remained until 1870, when they removed with their two children to Iowa. They located on a farm near Gilbert, Story county, where they remained for three years. At the end of that time they went on to a tract of land comprising one hundred and sixty acres in Jackson township, and there they resided for eight or ten years, the father bending his energies to agricultural development. He then bought a farm in Franklin township, Story county, just over the line from Jackson township, Boone county, and there he continued to reside until January 18, 1908, when he passed away. He was buried in Ontario cemetery in Boone county. The mother, who is a devout member of the Christian church, survives him and makes her home with her children. Mr. Jones did not belong to any particular church but was always eager to contribute to church work and the different organizations, being thoroughly in sympathy with their efforts. In their family were the following children: Leah, who married Dr. C. W. Johnson of Des Moines; Bertha, who is now Mrs. T. L. Jones of Boone; Flavius S., of Story

county, who farms on the home place; Merritt B., of this review; and Mabel, who died at the age of three.

Merritt B. Jones was educated in the country schools near his father's farm and those of Boone city. He rounded out his learning and prepared himself for business life by taking a course at the Capital City Business College, completing his studies there at the age of twenty-one. Until nineteen years of age he assisted his father on the home farm, but when he had reached his majority he went to the Dakotas, where he worked for farmers, later having charge of a real-estate office at Tower City, Cass county, North Dakota. After his marriage Mr. Jones established his home in Boone, accepting a position with the Boone Cereal Mill, with which firm he remained until its affairs were liquidated. He then joined the Boone police force under Mayor Goodykoontz, remaining for eleven months in a minor position, at the end of which time he was made city marshal under Mayor Forrow. At the following election Mr. Wiles was elected mayor, Mr. Jones continuing under him as city marshal. Subsequently he established himself in the livery business and now gives his sole attention to this enterprise. He is a courteous and obliging man and has built up a profitable business along honorable principles. Such success as has been his is well merited and is the outcome of determination, industry, honesty and close application.

On February 10, 1904, Mr. Jones married Miss Jessie Hull, a daughter of J. M. and Susan (Redmond) Hull. She is one of four children born to her parents and is widely and favorably known in Boone as a lady of womanly qualities of character. Mr. Jones is a republican and thoroughly devoted to his party. He has taken a laudable part in the progress of Boone and is ever ready to support new enterprises which promise to be of value to the community. He has many friends, all of whom esteem and respect him for what he is and what he has achieved.

JOHN PAULSON.

John Paulson is engaged in general farming on sections 15 and 16, Amaqua township, where he owns three hundred and twenty acres of land. He also carries on stock-raising and has other business interests which rank him as one of the representative and valued citizens of his community. He was born in Germany, January 2, 1871, and is a son of George and Anna (Cook) Paulson. The parents were likewise natives of the fatherland and in 1871 they sailed for the new world, making Boone county, Iowa, their destination. After a few years spent at teaming and in the brewery business, the father rented a tract of land, which he cultivated until 1887. He then purchased one hundred and fifty acres in Amaqua township and as his financial resources increased added to his property until within the borders of his farm are comprised two hundred and ninety acres. He carefully and successfully operated his land until 1904, when, following the death of his wife, he retired.

John Paulson was but a few months old when his parents sailed for the new world, and he has since lived in Boone county. He was reared upon the old homestead farm in Amaqua township and pursued his education in the public schools.

He remained with his parents until he reached his majority and then started out independently in business life by renting land. During the three years in which he cultivated leased property he carefully saved his earnings and at the end of that time was able to purchase one hundred and sixty acres on section 16, while later he bought an adjoining tract of one hundred and sixty acres on sections 15 and 16, Amaqua township. He at once began to further develop the fields and improve the property by adding all modern equipments and accessories found upon the model farm of the twentieth century. He has good buildings, well kept fences and the latest improved farm machinery to facilitate the work of the fields. Moreover, he makes stock-raising the principal feature of his place, handling shorthorn cattle, Percheron and Belgian horses and Poland China hogs. His stock-raising interests have brought to him a gratifying financial return. He is also a stockholder and one of the directors of the Beaver Cooperative Company of Beaver.

On the 8th of March, 1896, Mr. Paulson was married to Miss Katie Maas, a daughter of Henry and Magretta Maas, who were natives of Germany and settled in Boone county, Iowa, at an early period in its development. Here the father engaged in farming, operating land in Amaqua township throughout his remaining days. His widow survives him and now makes her home in Ogden. Unto Mr. and Mrs. Paulson have been born eight children: Harry, Arthur, Ray, Rudolph, Lloyd, Bernadine, Luverne and Clarence.

Politically Mr. Paulson is a republican, having given stalwart support to the party since age conferred upon him the right of franchise. He is now serving for the sixth year as trustee of his township and in all public relations is loyal to the best interests of the community, standing for progress and improvement along many lines. His religious belief is that of the German Lutheran church, and he is as interested in the moral development of the community as in its material progress.

AXEL HENDERSON.

Axel Henderson is the cashier of the Farmers State Bank of Boxholm, Boone county, also serving for some time as county treasurer. He is recognized as an able financier and banker and in full measure receives the confidence and trust of all who have business transactions with him. He was born in Sweden on April 29, 1875, a son of Andrew and Emma (Hagberg) Henderson, natives of that country. The father was a shoemaker by trade and upon coming to America located in Moingona, Boone county, where he followed his vocation until 1886, when he removed to Pilot Mound. There both he and his wife still reside, the former at the age of seventy-eight and the latter at the age of seventy-three.

Axel Henderson was only five years of age when he came with his parents to America and was reared and educated in Boone county. After laying aside his text-books he accepted a position as clerk with N. J. A. Calson, continuing with that gentleman for about five years. He then engaged in the real-estate and insurance business for about a year, after which he became a bookkeeper in the Pilot Mound Bank, where he was employed until 1901, when he came to

Boxholm. He was chosen cashier of the Farmers Bank, which position he held until 1907, in which year he was appointed county treasurer of Boone county to fill a vacancy. At the end of his term he became a candidate and was elected to the office, faithfully discharging his duties until 1911, when the agriculturists of Boxholm organized the Farmers State Bank with a capital of twenty-five thousand dollars, Mr. Henderson accepting the position of cashier. He has ever since held the cashiership of this bank and has been able to extend its business and prestige to a remarkable degree. He holds stock in the institution and is therefore personally interested. In 1910 a modern, two-story brick building was erected, equipped with all the latest banking devices. They now have one hundred and fifteen thousand dollars on deposit and their surplus is reaching two thousand dollars. The present officers are: J. E. Reutter, president; Carl Will, vice president; and Axel Henderson, cashier; while the directors are J. E. Reutter, E. S. Thorngren, Carl Will, F. E. Carlson and C. J. Swanson.

On February 24, 1909, Mr. Henderson married Miss Esther Thorngren, a daughter of J. O. and Josephine (Chingren) Thorngren, who came to America in 1866, the father engaging in farming in Grant township, Boone county, where he remained until 1886, when he settled in Pilot Mound, where for many years he was very successful in the grain, live-stock and lumber business. He so continued until 1905, when he retired and moved to Minneapolis, but the climate of that city proved too severe and he soon returned to Boone county, taking up his residence upon one of his farms near Pilot Mound, where he made his home until his death on February 29, 1912. Mrs. Thorngren is now making her home with Mr. and Mrs. Henderson.

Mr. Henderson has served as town clerk of Pilot Mound and since becoming a resident of Boxholm has always taken a deep interest in the progress of this town. Politically he is a republican, and his religious faith is that of the Swedish Mission church. He is popular in fraternal circles, being a member of the Modern Woodmen of America and the Knights of Pythias. There is much that is commendable in the career of Mr. Henderson—a career which might serve as an example to a younger generation in demonstrating what may be achieved when ambition and determination lead the way.

JOHN ELLSWORTH RICHARDS.

John Ellsworth Richards is a well known farmer and stockman of Boone county. He owns and cultivates a fine farm of two hundred and eighty acres situated on section 9, Harrison township, and in addition has other property, including a forty acre tract of land on section 8 and a tract of eighty acres on section 15. Forty-six years have come and gone since he arrived in the neighborhood in which he still resides. He made his way to this state from Ohio and two years after arriving in Boone county he returned to Ohio for a short time. He is a native of that state and was born in Logan county on the 27th of August, 1849, his parents being Thomas and Naomi (Stanfield) Richards. He cannot remember his father, and his mother died when he was but seven years of age. From early youth he has been dependent upon his own resources



JOHN E. RICHARDS AND FAMILY

and may truly be called a self-made man, for he has been both the architect and the builder of his own fortunes. For two years in Ohio and one year in Boone county he was in the employ of James G. Elliott, with whom he came to this state, settling on section 16, Harrison township. Mr. Richards was in the employ of others until he reached the age of twenty-six years. In 1873 he purchased forty acres on section 4, Harrison township, which he sold about five years ago and bought forty acres on section 8. In 1880 he purchased a part of his present place, where he has resided since the following spring, and he has added to his possessions until his holdings now aggregate four hundred acres of rich and valuable land. He has always followed general farming and stock-raising, his cattle and hogs being high grade and finding ready sale on the market. He is a thoroughly self-made man. He early recognized the eternal principle that industry wins, and industry became the beacon-light of his life. He started out with practically no educational advantages to aid him and with no money but has worked persistently and energetically as the years have gone by and is today one of the substantial farmers of the county, possessing a very gratifying competence.

In the fall of 1875 Mr. Richards was united in marriage to Miss Amanda Dixon, who was born in St. Lawrence county, New York, September 27, 1859, a daughter of John and Mary (Geddes) Dixon, who came to Boone county in 1867, locating on section 4, Harrison township. For many years they were well known pioneer residents of this section of the state, but the mother passed away in 1898, at the age of seventy-six years. The father has now reached the age of eighty-seven years and spends the greater part of his time with Mr. and Mrs. Richards and also a part of his time in Boone. He was born in Ireland and was brought to America in infancy, being reared in New York. He followed farming successfully until 1880, when he retired and removed to Boone. He has suffered three paralytic strokes. Mrs. Richards has one sister, Mrs. Mary Taylor, the wife of George Taylor, of Boone, who is a painter for the Chicago & Northwestern Railroad, occupying a good position in charge of different crews for the company. Mr. and Mrs. Richards lost one child, who died in infancy. Their other children are as follows: Henry Austin resides in Bear Creek, Boone county, where he follows the occupation of farming. He married Miss Agnes Morgan and to them were born five children, Jessie, Raymond, Mildred, Lucia and an infant, deceased. Terressa is the wife of Robert McVicker, who is residing in Boone township, about six miles north of Boone, and they have one son, Virgil. Charles married Miss Mildred Carlson, a daughter of John A. Carlson, mentioned elsewhere in this volume, and they have one son, Chester. Nettie is the wife of Thomas Flynn, who resides upon one of her father's farms, and they have a daughter, Geneva. Bert, a resident farmer of Harrison township, married Miss Mabel Smalley, a daughter of William Smalley, of Jackson township, and their four children are Opal, Donald, Beatrice and George. Myrtle is the wife of William Craven, a resident farmer of Harrison township, and they have a daughter, Virginia. Harry, twenty-two years of age, and Verna, the youngest, complete the family.

Mr. Richards has resided upon his present home farm since 1881 and its excellent appearance is largely due to his unfaltering energy, perseverance and high ideals. He is known as a representative farmer and stock-raiser, and his

success is well merited. He and his wife spent the first four years of their married life in a frame shanty on the forty acres he had purchased on section 4, Harrison township. The second year he put in a new floor and built a new roof, and he then rented his father-in-law's place on the same section. They suffered many hardships and difficulties in those early days but as the years passed on industry and determination won for them success and they are today numbered among the people of affluence in Harrison township. Politically Mr. Richards is a stalwart republican but has never accepted office. His wife is a member of the Methodist Episcopal church but Mr. Richards was reared in the faith of the Society of Friends, or Quakers. His father was born in Wales and on emigrating to America in his youth settled in Kentucky. Afterward, however, he went to Pennsylvania and later to Ohio with a colony of Quakers. It was in the last named state that John E. Richards was born and there lived until he came to Iowa, where he has continuously made his home for more than forty-five years. He has therefore witnessed the greater part of the development and upbuilding of this section and has borne his full share in the work of public progress, especially along agricultural lines.

JOSEPH ARTHUR JUDGE.

Joseph Arthur Judge, proprietor of the farm known as Woodlawn, on sections 11 and 14, Colfax township, is one of the most progressive and successful agriculturists of Boone county, owning and operating three hundred and nineteen acres of valuable and highly cultivated land. He was born in Green county, Wisconsin, September 24, 1867, a son of James and Bridget (Kelley) Judge, of whom extended mention is made in the sketch of Patrick H. Judge, on another page of this work.

At the age of five years our subject was brought by his parents to Boone county, and here he attended the Jones school, just across the line in Story county, taught by Miss Ellen Harlow. Later he continued his studies in Colfax township and at the age of twenty years entered Highland Park College at Des Moines. The home school in Colfax township was taught by Richard F. Jordan, who later became a lawyer. For some time Mr. Judge taught school during the winter months in Garden township, first under Superintendent George Ashton. He continued to follow that occupation for five or six terms at different times. At intervals in the meantime he attended Highland Park College and operated the home farm in partnership with his brother John.

On the 11th of April, 1893, Mr. Judge was united in marriage to Miss Susan Creed, who was born in Colfax township, this county, March 31, 1869, and was educated in the public schools here and at a convent in Carroll, Iowa. At the age of eighteen she, too, commenced teaching school in Harrison township and taught until her marriage. Her father, Thomas Creed, was a native of County Tipperary, Ireland, and on his emigration to America settled in Boston, Massachusetts, where he married Miss Margaret Ryan, who was born in County Limerick, Ireland, and came to the United States when a young lady, landing in Boston. She was left fatherless at the early age of three years. From Boston Mr. Creed

removed to Chicago, Illinois, and in 1864 settled near Dixon, that state, where he engaged in farming on rented land for a time. In 1867 he took up his residence in Story county, Iowa, coming to this locality with the Jordan and Price families, the former locating in Colfax township, Boone county, and the latter in Story county. After residing in Story county for a time Mr. Creed purchased one hundred and sixty acres of land in Colfax township, Boone county, and made his home thereon until his death, which occurred in May, 1911. He was a devout member of the Sacred Heart church and was buried in a Catholic cemetery. Politically he was a democrat. His wife had passed away January 5, 1901, at the age of eighty years. Their children were: John P., deceased, who was an engineer on the Union Pacific Railroad; Thomas Francis, who is yardmaster for the Northwestern Railroad at Valley Springs, Illinois, and who married Ella Conners; Margaret, the wife of Emory Scott, of Kansas City, Missouri; Mary Ellen and William J., both at home; and Susan, now Mrs. Judge.

After his marriage our subject located on the old Judge farm but after living there for a short time removed to a farm on section 24, Colfax township, where he resided until 1901. Selling that place to a Mr. Shedd, he settled on his present farm, which he has since greatly improved, erecting thereon a beautiful new residence in 1911, besides numerous outbuildings for the shelter of grain and stock. He makes a specialty of raising shorthorn cattle and has a reputation as one of the successful stock-raisers of the county. He is a representative farmer of today, enterprising, progressive and industrious, and the success which he has achieved in life is due entirely to his own efforts.

Mr. and Mrs. Judge have nine children: John Raymond, born January 18, 1894; Walter Thomas, March 1, 1896; Joseph J., August 27, 1898; Marie Margaret, November 10, 1900; Cecelia Agnes, December 7, 1902; Anna Bernadine, June 2, 1905; Francis Edward, June 20, 1907; Catherine Theresa, November 1, 1909; and Bernard Ambrose, November 28, 1912.

Mr. Judge and his family are members of the St. Cecelia Catholic church at Ames, and he has served on the advisory board. He never falters in his allegiance to the democratic party, and has been honored by local office, serving as treasurer of the school board. He is a member of Leo Council, No. 814, K. C., at Boone and is one of the prominent citizens of his community.

WESLEY A. SWANSON.

Wesley A. Swanson is a representative farmer of Grant township, living on section 20. He was born in Webster county, Iowa, December 1, 1872, and his name indicates his Swedish descent, his parents being John and Sarah Swanson, both natives of Sweden. They came to America about the year 1870 and established their home in Webster county, Iowa, where they lived for several years. In 1874 they became residents of Grant township, Boone county, where the father rented land for two years. During that period he carefully saved his earnings, with the hopes of later purchasing a farm and at the end of that time was enabled to invest in forty acres of land on section 6, Grant township. As his financial resources increased he extended the boundaries of his place until he is now the

owner of two hundred and eighty acres of valuable land, which he has developed, bringing his fields to a high state of cultivation.

Wesley A. Swanson was reared and educated in this county, having the usual experiences of the farm lad. He remained with his parents until he attained his majority and then, ambitious to engage in business on his own account, he rented a farm and has since carried on general agricultural pursuits. He is now operating one hundred and twenty acres belonging to his father-in-law, and he also owns eighty acres lying partly on section 19 and partly on section 20, Grant township. His father-in-law's place is also on section 20. Mr. Swanson has brought the farm to a high state of cultivation and his methods are very practical, with the result that good crops are annually produced. Everything about the place presents a neat and attractive appearance, and his work is productive of good results. In addition to raising the crops best adapted to soil and climate, he is also engaged in raising shorthorn cattle and Duroc Jersey hogs. Mr. Swanson is also a stockholder and one of the directors of the Farmers Elevator Company of Boxholm and is also a stockholder in the Farmers State Bank of Boxholm.

On the 26th of March, 1896, Mr. Swanson was united in marriage to Miss Lorena Wilson, a daughter of Olaf and Anna Wilson, who were natives of Sweden and pioneer settlers of Boone county, where they followed farming for many years. They are now living retired in Dayton, Iowa. Mr. and Mrs. Swanson are the parents of seven children, namely: Gladys, Agnes, Lloyd, Harold, Francis, Everett and Leverne. The family attend the Lutheran church, which fact indicates the religious faith of the parents. Mr. Swanson gives his political support to the republican party and is serving as one of the trustees of his township, having filled the office for two years. This is the only position he has sought, however, as he has always desired rather to give his attention to business affairs, and in the management of his farming and stock-raising interests he has met with creditable and substantial success.

LEMUEL ARTHUR BASSETT, M. D.

Dr. Lemuel Arthur Bassett enjoys recognition as one of the able and successful medical practitioners of Boone, where he has followed his profession continuously for the past eighteen years. His birth occurred in Oneida, Knox county, Illinois, on the 22d of December, 1867, his parents being George A. and Emma (Huggins) Bassett, likewise natives of the Prairie state. The father, who followed both farming and milling, resided in Taylor county, Iowa, for a period of seventeen years and there erected a mill valued at twenty-four thousand dollars. The last years of his life were spent in Oregon, where he passed away in 1909. His widow survives and makes her home in that state. Unto them were born the following children: Lemuel A., of this review; Sandford, who is a resident of Mill City, Oregon; Edward, also living in Oregon; Brainard, who makes his home in Taylor county, Iowa; Mabel, who is the wife of Frank Turner, of Independence, Oregon; and Fred, likewise of Oregon.

Lemuel A. Bassett remained on the home farm in Taylor county, Iowa, for three years or until he was a young man of twenty, when the family home was

established in Reece, Kansas. He spent three years as a student in the Southern Kansas Academy at Eureka and subsequently made his way to Knoxville, Illinois. In preparation for the practice of his chosen profession he pursued a course of study in Rush Medical College of Chicago, from which institution he was graduated at the end of three years or in 1896. On the 23d of June of that year he came to Boone, Iowa, where he has practiced as a physician and surgeon throughout the intervening eighteen years with gratifying success. He has proven his ability in the successful treatment of innumerable cases, ably coping with the intricate problems which continually confront the physician in his efforts to restore health and prolong life. Dr. Bassett is a hospital director and enjoys an enviable reputation among his professional brethren.

On the 19th of September, 1894, was celebrated the marriage of Dr. Bassett and Miss Alice B. Brown, a native of Illinois. In his political views the Doctor is independent, supporting men and measures rather than party. His religious faith is that of the Presbyterian church. A man of high and pure ideals, he is well fitted to fill the intimate place which is naturally that of a family physician in any community, and in all relations of life, whether private or professional, he has been found a citizen of genuine worth.

GEORGE L. BROWN.

As vice president and superintendent of the Monarch Manufacturing Corporation of Boone, George L. Brown represents important industrial interests in his city. The success of his firm, which is now operating on a most profitable basis, is largely due to his initiative and the great amount of experience which he has in this line of work. They not only act as engineers, designers and machinists but are also manufacturers of hardware specialties and stamping dies and engage in electro-plating and finishing. Their connections are extensive, and they do business all over the United States. Mr. Brown was born in Lockport, New York, July 31, 1868, and is a son of George R. and Ellen (Poyfair) Brown, the former born in County Armagh, north Ireland. He came to the United States shortly before the Civil war and was a miller by occupation, following this trade in Lockport, New York, where he passed away. His wife was born in that city and was a daughter of Jeremiah and Ellen (Flynn) Poyfair. Her paternal grandfather, Jeremiah Poyfair, was a native of France who emigrated to America as a young man. By occupation he was a ship carpenter. Mr. and Mrs. George R. Brown became the parents of the following children: Emma, who married Charles Parker of St. Albans, Vermont; Ella, the widow of William Few, of Fort Niagara; and George L., of this review.

The last named received his education in the public and high schools of Lockport, New York, laying aside his text-books at the age of sixteen, when he was apprenticed to the machinist's trade, serving his indenture with Jackson & Church in Saginaw, Michigan. He was connected with that firm for four years and then went to Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, where he followed his occupation in the employ of the Jones & Laughlin Company. He subsequently followed his trade in many parts of the United States, finally arriving in Niagara Falls, where he became

assistant master mechanic of the Niagara Falls Power Company. He continued as such for seven and a half years and then removed to Sioux City, Iowa, where for three and a half years he held the position of superintendent of the Novelty Manufacturing Company. He then was for one year assistant master mechanic of the Sioux Service Company and for the next three or four years acted as chief engineer of the Cudahy Packing Company of that city. Having acquired the means and a large and valuable experience, he then decided to embark in a business in which he would be financially interested and bought stock in the Monarch Manufacturing Corporation, of which he was made vice president and superintendent. Their plant was built in 1913 under the supervision of Mr. Brown and Mr. Sears. Although they have been established but a short time, their trade is already extensive and they enjoy the highest reputation. Much of their sudden success must be ascribed to Mr. Brown, who is a master in his line of work and thoroughly acquainted with every phase of it. He is a competent man, and all those who have business transactions with his firm realize that their business is handled in a competent way.

On April 26, 1892, Mr. Brown married in Washington, D. C., Miss Minnie E. Marr, who was born in East Tawas, Michigan, and is a daughter of Benjamin F. Marr. Mr. and Mrs. Brown have three children: Howard L., Helen M. and George N. Although Mr. Brown has been a resident of Boone for only a short time, he has already found occasion to participate in movements for the general welfare of his city and has given examples of his public spirit. While he is mainly a business man and most of his attention is naturally devoted to his private interests and to the growth of his factory, he never neglects his duties as a citizen, fully realizing that it is obligatory upon any business man to be thoroughly conversant with the issues and questions of the day. He has already made many friends in Boone who esteem him as a man of high qualities of character. By the establishment of the Monarch Manufacturing Corporation a valuable addition has been made to the industrial enterprises of Boone county which will have its effect upon the general condition of its people and will add to the county's prosperity.

C. A. NOLAND, M. D.

Dr. C. A. Noland, an able and successful representative of the medical fraternity of Boone county, follows his profession in Ogden. He is numbered among the worthy native sons of this county, his birth having here occurred on the 13th of October, 1875. His parents, Nathaniel and Angeline (Peoples) Noland, were natives of Pennsylvania. They came to Boone county, Iowa, in an early day, the mother taking up her abode here in 1848. Nathaniel Noland devoted his attention to agricultural pursuits throughout his active business career with gratifying success. During the period of the Civil war he served for four years as a member of Company D, Thirty-second Iowa Volunteer Infantry, making a creditable record as a stanch and fearless defender of the Union. When he passed away, in 1885, the community mourned the loss of one of its respected early settlers and representative citizens. Mrs. Noland, who still survives her husband,

is also well known and highly esteemed here, the period of her residence in Boone county now covering two-thirds of a century.

C. A. Noland was reared and educated in this county, completing his course in the Boone high school by graduation with the class of 1895. Subsequently he was employed as a stenographer for some time and later went to Nevada, Story county, Iowa, where for two years he worked in a wholesale butter, egg and poultry establishment. Having determined upon a professional career, he then entered the medical department of the State University of Iowa at Iowa City, which institution conferred upon him the degree of M. D. in 1905. Locating for practice in Ogden, he here followed his profession successfully for two years and then devoted one year to a hospital course at St. Anthony's Hospital of Denver. Since returning to Ogden he has remained here continuously to the present time, enjoying a large and lucrative practice which is accorded him in recognition of his unquestioned skill and ability. He also conducts a hospital in the city and his labors in this connection have been attended with splendid results. With the onward march of the profession he keeps in close touch through his membership in the American Medical Association, the Iowa State Medical Society and the Boone County Medical Society.

In November, 1909, Dr. Noland was united in marriage to Miss Alvina Hagge, a daughter of Claus and Margaret (Hensen) Hagge. Her father was born in Germany and became a pioneer settler of this county, now residing in Ogden. Her mother is a native of Jackson county, Iowa. Our subject and his wife have three children: Fred A., Helen L., and Gordon N., who are four years, three years and one month of age respectively.

In his political views Dr. Noland is a staunch republican. The cause of education has ever found in him a stalwart champion and he is doing valuable service as a member of the school board. He is a Methodist in religious faith and a worthy exemplar of the Masonic fraternity. His professional duties have brought him into close relation with many households and in all he commands the high regard and love of those to whom he has ministered.

JOHN C. HINMAN.

John C. Hinman, an enterprising and successful young business man of Pilot Mound, is the proprietor of the only meat market in town. His birth occurred in Pilot Mound township, Boone county, Iowa, on the 17th of August, 1892, his parents being George H. and Emma (Showers) Hinman, who are also natives of this county. The paternal grandparents of our subject were born in Ohio and came to Boone county in an early day, taking up their abode here before the advent of railroads. The grandfather followed farming in this county throughout the remainder of his life, passing away in September, 1913, at the age of seventy-six years. His wife was called to her final rest in January, 1905, the community thus losing two of its esteemed pioneer residents. George H. Hinman, father of John C. Hinman, has devoted his attention to general agricultural pursuits in Boone county during his entire business career and still carries on farming in Pilot Mound township, having resided on his present place for the past fourteen

years. He is well known and highly esteemed throughout the community as a substantial agriculturist and representative citizen. Mr. and Mrs. George H. Hinman have five children, namely: John C., Glenn, Roy, Guy and Mabel.

John C. Hinman was reared and educated in his native county, beginning his studies in the district schools and subsequently attending the Pilot Mound high school for four years or until graduated therefrom in 1910. After putting aside his text-books he secured employment in a meat market, learning the butcher's trade. In December, 1913, he purchased a market in Pilot Mound and has since conducted the same successfully, being accorded an extensive patronage.

Mr. Hinman exercises his right of franchise in support of the men and measures of the republican party, believing firmly in its principles. Fraternally he is identified with the Modern Woodmen of America. He is popular in the community where he has always resided and has a large circle of warm friends here.

CARL PETER.

Carl Peter has now put aside the more active duties of farm life and is living practically retired but still resides upon his fine home farm of eighty acres, situated on section 10, Harrison township. He likewise owns another eighty-acre tract in the southwest quarter of the same section, and still another eighty acres on section 11. He is today numbered among the substantial citizens of the county notwithstanding the fact that he started out in life practically empty-handed. He has been a resident of Boone county for almost four decades, arriving here in 1875 from Illinois, where he had lived since 1858, the year of his emigration from Germany.

Mr. Peter was born in Prussia on the 27th of December, 1850, a son of Ernest and Johanna Peter, who came to the United States in 1858, bringing with them their sons, Fritz and Carl. At that time they settled in Cook county, Illinois, where the father engaged in gardening as a laborer. He lived in that locality for some years and then removed to a place south of Chicago, where he continued until 1875. While the family resided in Illinois a daughter was born. In the year mentioned the family removed to Boone county, the father establishing his home in Harrison township, where he purchased a farm and resided until his death, which occurred when he had reached the age of seventy-three years, eight months and fourteen days. His widow survived him for about three years and was also seventy-three years of age at the time of her demise. Their elder son, Fritz, is now a resident farmer of Harrison township. The daughter, Mrs. Alma Krug, is now a widow, residing near Boone.

Carl Peter was a lad of but seven years of age when he accompanied his parents to the new world and was reared in Cook county, Illinois. He accompanied his parents to Iowa and was employed in Boone by a Mr. Herman and others for several months. He then located upon the farm where he now resides and where he has lived for almost forty years. He brought his fields to a high state of cultivation, following practical and progressive methods in the production of the cereals best adapted to the soil and climate.

In 1881 Mr. Peter was united in marriage to Miss Julia Klider, who was born December 8, 1862, near Hausfeldt, Germany, and came to this country in 1875. She, too, in that year became a resident of Boone county, living near the city of Boone. She is a niece of the late John Herman, a sketch of whom appears elsewhere in this volume. She resided near Boone until her marriage and then went to her husband's home in Harrison township. She passed away January 12, 1912, leaving three sons and a daughter beside her husband to mourn her loss. Fred, the eldest son, a resident of Harrison township, married Leda Lininger and has two children. George operates the home farm. Emma and Otto are also with their father.

Mr. Peter has made excellent improvements upon the home place, supplying it with all of the accessories and conveniences of a model farm of the twentieth century. In his political views Mr. Peter is a democrat and has served as road boss and in other local offices. He has frequently acted as school director, and he is a member of the German Lutheran church of Harrison township, which indicates his interest in the moral progress of the community. His has been a well spent life, and during the forty years of his residence in Boone county he has ever enjoyed and received the respect, confidence and good-will of his fellow townsmen.

REED C. WILSON.

Reed C. Wilson controls and owns Wilson's Baggage and Transfer and Storage, a prosperous business enterprise of Boone. In the upbuilding of this establishment he has proven himself a farsighted and capable man who has recognized opportunities and has used them in promoting his interests. His office is located at No. 823 Story street, and it may be truthfully said that it is one of the liveliest places in town. Mr. Wilson specializes in packing, shipping and moving household goods, pianos and safes as well as theatre baggage and does any kind of transfer business which comes within the scope of his activities. He is a thoroughly modern and up-to-date man and has succeeded because he has applied himself closely to his interests, because he gives personal attention to all matters intrusted to him, because of his punctuality and because of the fairness and honesty which influence all his transactions. Mr. Wilson was born in Independence, Iowa, August 26, 1872, and is a son of William P. and Mary Flora (Van Niman) Wilson. His paternal grandfather was Clinton Wilson.

Reed C. Wilson became a resident of Boone at the age of six years, and there he attended the public schools until fourteen. He then worked on a farm until sixteen and, returning to Boone, engaged in the teaming business with his father until June 12, 1903. On that day his father lost his life, being killed by a train, and Mr. Wilson of this review succeeded to the business. He has greatly enlarged the same, having had but one team when he took charge, while he now employs seven teams. His drays are well built, capacious and modern. He has ample storing facilities and is renowned all over the town and countryside for the carefulness with which he handles goods in moving. His business ability is also well

recognized and in the course of years he has taken rank among the substantial citizens of Boone.

On November 15, 1903, Mr. Wilson married Miss Vinnie Hartman, a native of Boone and a daughter of Perry and Almira Des Moines (Vernon) Hartman. To this union two children have been born, Walter R. and Maurice William. Mr. Wilson was reared in the Christian church but is at present not a member of any particular denomination. However, he is a man of Christian principles and gives his support to all movements undertaken in order to improve the moral tone of humanity. He is a republican, interested in his party yet not an office seeker. Fraternally he belongs to Boone Lodge, No. 324, of the Knights of Pythias and the Elks Lodge, No. 563. Mr. Wilson is one of the useful and successful citizens of Boone and by promoting his private enterprise has contributed toward the growth of his city.

ANDREW MONGUS ANDERSON.

Andrew Mongus Anderson, who was born on the farm in Douglas township which he now owns and occupies, belongs to one of the early pioneer families of Boone county. His birth occurred March 23, 1857, and he is a son of Andrew Peter and Melinda (Johnson) Anderson, natives of Sweden, the former born January 15, 1828, and the latter June 29, 1835. The father came to America in 1846 and after many years of successful agricultural labors died in Douglas township, September 20, 1895. The mother emigrated to America in 1851 and died in Madrid, November 20, 1904. They had twelve children, as follows: Andrew Mongus, of this review; Mrs. Mary Anderson, born January 3, 1859, who makes her home with her brother Andrew on the home farm in Douglas township; John Peter, who was born October 10, 1860, and resides in Garden township; Greta Elizabeth, born April 23, 1862, who married C. M. Anderson and died January 6, 1891; Mrs. Oscar Oakleaf, who was born September 4, 1864, and is now a resident of Madrid; Carl Gustav, who was born December 12, 1866, and died February 26, 1910; Swen Albert, whose birth occurred October 9, 1868, and who died October 8, 1897; Joseph Edward, born March 22, 1870, a resident of Garden township; Samuel, born October 2, 1872, of Madrid; an infant, born February 26, 1875, deceased; Malinda, born December 29, 1875; and Ida Christina, who was born March 24, 1877, and died in 1905. All of this family were born and reared in Douglas township. Mrs. Mary Anderson, who resides with our subject, had two children, but one, born July 12, 1893, died in infancy. The other, L. E., born August 2, 1894, is attending school in Madrid. At her death Greta Elizabeth Anderson left one daughter, Esther Elizabeth, who is now the wife of Vidus Swansen of Madrid and has two sons, Loren, born April 7, 1912; and Carl, born February 10, 1914.

Mr. Anderson gives his allegiance to the republican party. Both he and his sister are members of the Swedish Lutheran church of Madrid. His valuable farm comprises two hundred and twenty-two acres of choice land on section 26, Douglas township, and includes the old Anderson homestead. He has always followed the most modern agricultural methods, having up-to-date equipment



MR. AND MRS. ANDREW P. ANDERSON



ANDREW M. ANDERSON



MRS. MARY ANDERSON

upon his land and having erected a large number of barns and sheds, all of which are substantially built and kept in good repair. One of the earliest buildings in Boone county is to be found on this farm. Mr. Anderson's home is conveniently arranged and equipped with modern comforts. Besides giving attention to general farming he has for many years been identified with the raising of pure blooded shorthorn cattle and has met with success along this line, being a leader in the movement to bring this stock to the highest perfection. In that way he has not only acquired individual prosperity but has largely contributed toward promoting the stock interests of the state. All who know him speak highly of Mr. Anderson, recognizing in him a thoroughly progressive and public-spirited citizen. Such success as has come to him has been the reward of years of efficient labor and judicious management. There is no man to be found in Boone county who more justly merits prosperity.

OSCAR A. NELSON.

Oscar A. Nelson, who controls most of the stock of the McCune Shoe Company of Boone, is one of the city's most successful merchants, serving at present as secretary and treasurer of this firm. He was born in Rockford, Illinois, November 3, 1868, and is a son of Andrew and Elna (Anderson) Nelson. The paternal grandfather was Nels Torkelson, whose wife died when the father of our subject was in his infancy. The grandfather, a widower, came to the United States, landing in New York, whither his son Andrew had preceded him one year before, locating shortly afterward in Rockford, Illinois. In 1868 Andrew Nelson came to Montana City, as it was then called—now Boone—and there he was joined by his father and his four other children. The grandfather was a tailor by trade and already well along in years when he came to this country. After locating in Boone he followed his trade to some extent and died there in 1880.

Andrew Nelson learned the trade of a tailor in Sweden, where he attended the common schools in the acquirement of an education. He remained throughout his life in the tailoring business and died July 17, 1912. He married in Sweden Miss Elna Anderson, who came to the United States with him and who passed away in Boone, May 27, 1913. All of their children were born in this country. The parents were members of the Swedish Evangelical Mission church, of which the father was a charter member and in which he served as deacon and trustee. He was an adherent of the republican party until a few years prior to his death, when he became an independent, giving his support to such candidates as he considered best adapted for the office to which they aspired without regard to party dictates.

Oscar A. Nelson attended the public schools of Boone until fifteen years of age, completing his education by two years' attendance in high school. He entered upon his business career as clerk in the book store of F. A. Bolt, later accepting a position in a grocery store which was conducted by G. F. Miller. After severing this connection he entered the shoe store of C. A. McCune, the business being incorporated in 1890 as the McCune Shoe Company. At that time Mr. Nelson acquired stock in the concern, continuing as clerk therein, and

was made vice president of the company, serving as such until 1900. He then was elected president, in which capacity he continued until 1907, when he acquired the controlling interest in the firm and has since served as secretary-treasurer. The McCune Shoe Company conduct a prosperous retail business at No. 721 Story street and enjoy a high reputation for carrying a most reliable and up-to-date stock. The success of the firm is largely due to the methods and policy instituted by Oscar A. Nelson, its secretary-treasurer, who is considered one of the most shrewd and able business men in the town. Personally he is courteous and affable, having attracted many customers to his store by his pleasing personality.

On August 12, 1896, Mr. Nelson married Miss Agnes G. Zandell of Boone, a daughter of Alfred and Ida (Blomberg) Zandell. Mr. and Mrs. Nelson have two children: Eloise G. and Myron A. The parents are devout members of the Swedish Evangelical Mission, in which the father has served as a trustee for ten years. Politically he is a member of the progressive party, completely in sympathy with the ideals which that party has set out to realize. Mr. Nelson has ever been interested in educational matters and served on the town board of education for six years, rendering valuable help in making possible the erection of a beautiful new schoolhouse, which was opened in January, 1914, and is one of the most practical, sanitary and best equipped in the state. Mr. Nelson is a public-spirited and patriotic citizen who by his activities has contributed toward the development of his city and who is ever ready to sacrifice personal interest in order to promote community welfare. He is justly entitled to the predicate of self-made man, for he has succeeded through his own efforts only, efforts which have been based upon ambition, industry, determination and honesty.

J. A. CARLSON.

J. A. Carlson is a farmer and stock-raiser residing on section 34, Harrison township, where he owns a fine farm of two hundred acres. Its present splendid condition is due to his efforts, as when it came into his possession it was raw prairie. Mr. Carlson was born in the province of Jönköping Län, Sweden, April 12, 1845, a son of Carl Frederick and Anna Greta (Johnson) Carlson, both of whom spent their entire lives in Sweden. They were members of the Lutheran church and were highly respected farming people. Our subject was one of a family of eight children, of whom one brother and three sisters came to America. Charley J. and Josephine, a widow, are both residents of Chicago.

J. A. Carlson was reared on the home farm in Sweden but came to America in 1868, when a young man of about twenty-three years. He had no capital and began life in this country as a farm hand, working by the month in Princeton, Illinois. He was industrious and saved his wages and when he removed to Shelby county, Iowa, he had about five hundred dollars in money. He then rented land on shares for two and one-half years and as he was a careful agriculturist his labors were rewarded by gratifying financial returns. In 1876 he came to Boone county, Iowa, and bought eighty acres of land at twelve dollars and a half per acre. In the years intervening since that time he has added to his holdings until

he now has title to two hundred acres of land in this county and also owns one hundred and sixty acres in Sanborn, South Dakota, which is operated by his son.

Mr. Carlson was married at Princeton, Illinois, in 1873, to Miss Hannah Samuelson, who was born in 1853 in Sweden and came with a sister to America when about twelve years of age. Her brother-in-law and sister, Mr. and Mrs. Charles Johnson, are now living in honorable retirement at Boone. To Mr. and Mrs. Carlson were born nine children: Emma is now the wife of Samuel Clark, a farmer residing near Riceville, Iowa, and each has a child by a former union. Laura is the wife of Ernest Johnson, who operates a part of our subject's farm on section 28, Harrison township; Eva is the wife of W. H. Wheeler, a sketch of whom appears elsewhere in this work. Nellie resides at home. Millie is the wife of Charles Richards, of Harrison township, and they have one son. Oscar departed this life at the early age of twenty-seven, leaving a widow, who was before her marriage Grace Johnson. Artie, a resident of South Dakota, married Nellie Smalley, a daughter of R. F. Smalley, whose sketch appears elsewhere in this work. Lester and Reuben, who complete the family, are at home.

Mr. and Mrs. Carlson are members of the Swedish Mission church of Boone and follow its precepts in their daily lives. Mr. Carlson gives his political allegiance to the republican party and has acceptably served in school and road offices. He is a loyal citizen of his adopted country as he has here found opportunities which he has utilized and which have led him to success and prosperity.

OLAF W. TORNELL.

Olaf W. Tornell, a leading and prominent citizen of Pilot Mound, has been successfully engaged in the hardware and implement business for the past twenty-two years and is the proprietor of the only establishment of its kind in the town. His birth occurred in Sweden on the 24th of May, 1860, his parents being Olaf and Carrie (Olson) Tornell, who were likewise natives of that country. They crossed the Atlantic to the United States in 1865, locating in Webster county, Iowa, and a year later in Boone county, the father purchasing sixty acres of land on the present site of the town of Pilot Mound. He improved the property and operated it successfully until 1881, when he subdivided the tract into lots and laid out the town of Pilot Mound. Here he continued to reside until his death, which occurred in July, 1895. The period of his residence in this county covered nearly three decades and in his passing the community lost one of its respected and valued citizens. His wife was called to her final rest in the year 1902.

Olaf W. Tornell, who was a little lad of five years when he accompanied his parents on their emigration to the new world, acquired his education in the schools of Webster and Boone counties and remained on the home farm until seventeen years of age. Subsequently he worked for three years as a farm hand in Marshall county, Iowa, and on the expiration of that period located on a tract of land which he had purchased in association with his father. He improved the property and was busily engaged in its operation for a period of nine years, then going to Gowrie, Webster county, where for two years he was employed in a grain and implement store. In the fall of 1892 he came to Pilot Mound and embarked in

the hardware and implement business on his own account, having conducted an establishment of that character continuously and successfully since. On the 9th of February, 1914, his store was completely destroyed by a disastrous fire which also demolished the places of business of several other merchants of the town. Mr. Tornell is now rebuilding his establishment. He is the only hardware merchant of Pilot Mound and is accorded an extensive and gratifying patronage. He is a factor in financial circles as vice president and a stockholder of the Pilot Mound Savings Bank and likewise holds stock in the Leonard Hi-Oven Range Company of Cedar Rapids.

On the 3d of March, 1890, Mr. Tornell was united in marriage to Miss Augusta Youngren, a daughter of Gustaf and Mary Youngren, who were natives of Sweden and emigrated to America about 1865. The father followed farming in Webster county, Iowa, for a number of years and subsequently came to Boone county, where he spent the remainder of his life. The mother is still living. Unto Mr. and Mrs. Tornell have been born eight children, as follows: Ruth and Bernice, who are college students in Des Moines; Ward, Della, Clifford and Roger, all of whom are attending school; and Vernon and Blanche, both of whom died in infancy.

Mr. Tornell gives his political allegiance to the republican party and has served his fellow townsmen as a member of the town council and also in the mayor's chair, making a highly commendable record in both connections. His fraternal relations are with the Masons and the Independent Order of Odd Fellows, and his wife is a devoted and consistent member of the Swedish Mission church. He is highly esteemed in the community, where he has ever manifested the strictest integrity in his business transactions and has contributed his share in promoting development and progress.

LEVI C. NOLAND.

Levi C. Noland, who is engaged in tin, furnace and sheet metal work in Boone, Iowa, conducts a store at No. 605 Story street and is one of that city's successful business men. He was born in Peoples township, Boone county, on the Noland family homestead, on May 16, 1872, and there attended the public schools until sixteen years of age. He is a son of Nathaniel and Angeline Noland, the former a farmer of Peoples township. Their son, Levi C. Noland, spent his boyhood upon the parental farm, turning his attention to agricultural work after leaving school. When he was seventeen the parents removed to Boonesboro, where their son improved his education by attending the high school. At the age of twenty-one he entered the employ of Mellor Brothers as an apprentice, completing his term under H. T. Mallery. At the end of that time he had gained wide experience in his field and subsequently worked for three years as journeyman. In 1899 he established himself independently in Boone and has since most successfully conducted his business there. He has done practically all of the work in connection with his trade on the principal buildings of his city and enjoys the highest reputation for integrity and efficiency. Mr. Noland makes a specialty of furnace work, and his services along that line are eagerly sought. He is an

experienced man and in the installation of new equipment and in repairing always gives satisfaction to his patrons.

On March 22, 1896, Levi C. Noland was united in marriage to Miss Anna Guard of Boone, formerly of New York. They have four children: Otho Guard, who is seventeen years of age and attending high school; Angeline Leone, fourteen years of age, who is attending school; Homer Eugene, who is twelve; and Bessie. Mr. Noland has few outside interests beside his business, finding his greatest happiness at his own fireside. Although he is not politically active, he is sincerely interested in the growth of his city and ever ready to give support to movements which have for their purpose the material, moral and intellectual upbuilding of his community and county. Both he and his wife stand high in the estimation and respect of their fellow citizens, among whom they have many friends who are sincerely devoted to them.

W. P. LINN.

W. P. Linn has held the office of postmaster in Pilot Mound for five years but has recently resigned that position and as soon as his successor is appointed will again turn his attention to agricultural pursuits, with which he was formerly identified for many years. He has spent his entire life within the borders of Boone county, his birth having occurred in Pilot Mound township on the 14th of July, 1855. His parents, Gust and Catherine (Lundblad) Linn, were natives of Sweden who on emigrating to the United States in 1852 came directly to Boone county, Iowa. The father, a carpenter by trade, here worked at his occupation for some time at twenty-five cents per day. Subsequently he purchased land in Pilot Mound township, improved the property and there carried on general agricultural pursuits throughout the remainder of his life. At the time of the Civil war he enlisted for service in the Union army as a member of Company D, Thirty-second Iowa Volunteer Infantry, remaining with that command for about two years. He underwent all of the dangers and exposure of warfare and for fourteen months was held a prisoner at Tyler, Texas. His demise occurred on the 9th of October, 1897, after a residence of forty-five years in this county, and was the occasion of deep and widespread regret. On the 15th of January, 1912, his wife was called to her final rest.

W. P. Linn attended the district schools of this county in the acquirement of an education and remained on the home farm with his parents until twenty-two years of age. Subsequently he cultivated rented land for three years and on the expiration of that period purchased eighty acres of the old homestead in Pilot Mound township. He improved the property and afterward bought an additional tract of seventy-eight acres, while later he purchased forty acres more. General agricultural pursuits claimed his time and energies until 1908, when he disposed of his property and came to Pilot Mound, where he was appointed postmaster and has capably served in that capacity continuously since. He has recently resigned the office, however, and intends to begin farming again as soon as his successor is appointed.

On the 10th of March, 1880, Mr. Linn was united in marriage to Miss Florence Wilson, a daughter of Simon and Elizabeth (Ball) Wilson, both of whom were natives of England. They took up their abode among the pioneer settlers of Boone county, Iowa, and here the father devoted his attention to farming throughout the remainder of his life, passing away in October, 1865. His wife, surviving him for more than four decades, was called to her final rest on the 29th of January, 1906. Unto Mr. and Mrs. Linn have been born seven children, as follows: Robert R., who is employed by the John Deere Plow Company of Des Moines, Iowa; Floyd S., who is in the service of the Randall Lumber Company and also resides in Des Moines; Alva C. and Guy G., both of whom follow farming in Pilot Mound township; Ivy F., at home; and two who died in infancy.

Mr. Linn has always exercised his right of franchise in the interests of the republican party and for fourteen years acted as a trustee of Pilot Mound township, while he has also done able service as a member of the town council and as a school director. His religious faith is that of the Methodist church. Through his enterprise he has won financial success and through his fidelity to upright principles he has commanded the respect and confidence of his fellowmen.

WILLIAM G. CROWE.

William G. Crowe is one of Boone's successful business men, being connected with a profitable and growing enterprise of this city—a well appointed garage—in the conduct of which he is proving that success is the result of close application, sound judgment and unfaltering enterprise. He is a son of William Crowe, who for a considerable period has been closely connected with the development of the coal fields of this part of the state. The son has found an excellent example in the father's business career, for William Crowe, Sr., is a self-made man, whose industry and determination have constituted the foundation upon which he has builded his prosperity. A native of Scotland, he was born on the 17th of February, 1847, of the marriage of Garvin and Margaret (Bullock) Crowe. His paternal grandfather, William Crowe, lived to be more than ninety years of age. Garvin Crowe was always a resident of Scotland and after a connection with a bleaching factory in his early manhood turned his attention to farming. His death occurred in 1898, when he reached the age of seventy years. His widow died in 1899, at the age of seventy-three years. Both were Presbyterians in religious faith and exemplified in their lives the Christian teachings of the church. Garvin Crowe also enjoyed a most creditable reputation for activity and reliability in business and for fidelity in friendship. His wife was a daughter of William Bullock, a weaver by trade, who followed that pursuit for a number of years and afterward conducted a coal yard. He married Elizabeth Davidson, who passed away at the age of sixty-five years, while his death occurred at the age of seventy.

William Crowe, father of William G. Crowe, was one of a family of three sons and three daughters. He remained a resident of the land of hills and heather until he reached the age of nineteen years, when, in 1866, he left the village of Larkhall and sailed for the United States. After a residence of three years in

Pennsylvania he went to Illinois, but three years later returned to the former state. After a short time, however, he went to Ohio and in 1871 he was there wedded to Miss Elizabeth Marshall of Hubbard, Trumbull county. The year 1876 witnessed their arrival in Boone and from that time to the present Mr. Crowe has been prominently associated with its business interests, especially in the development of the coal fields of this portion of the state. For a time he engaged in coal mining at Ames and later became a factor in the development of the coal trade of Boone. After a partnership of eighteen years George Rogers sold his interest in the business to John Marshall, who was a partner of Mr. Crowe until his death in November, 1899. Mr. Crowe then settled up the business and on the 6th of March, 1900, he organized the Crowe Coal Mining Company, of which he became president and general manager, with James Crowe as vice president and secretary and Garvin Crowe as treasurer. The company developed the mines in Des Moines township, and the business has grown to large and profitable proportions. In fact, Mr. Crowe has employed more men than any other person interested in coal mining in his time in Boone. His keen discernment has enabled him to readily discriminate between the essential and the non-essential in carrying on his business and, utilizing the former, he has won a very gratifying measure of success. He has kept in touch with modern improvements in the methods of taking the coal from the mines and also in its distribution, and whatever he has attempted he has accomplished by reason of his firm purpose and unfaltering energy.

The cause of education has ever found in William Crowe, Sr., a stalwart champion and for many years he has served on the school board. He has likewise been a member of the city council, exercising his official prerogatives in support of various measures for the general good. He is an exemplary representative of the Masonic fraternity and the Ancient Order of United Workmen. Both he and his wife are devoted members of the Baptist church. In 1888 he returned for a visit to his native land, which he had not seen in more than twenty-two years. Writing of William Crowe a contemporary biographer said:

"Few men are more prominent or more widely known in the enterprising city of Boone than Mr. Crowe. In business affairs Mr. Crowe is energetic, prompt and notably reliable. Tireless energy, keen perception, honesty of purpose, a genius for devising and executing the right thing at the right time, joined to every-day common sense, guided by resistless will power, are the chief characteristics of the man. Justice has ever been maintained in his relations to patrons and employes, and many of those who began with him at the commencement of his career are still in his service. He has not been slow to assist and encourage others who have left his employ to enter business for themselves and in return he naturally has the loyal support of all the employes of the house. He has been watchful of all the details of his business and of all indications pointing toward prosperity, and from the beginning had an abiding faith in the ultimate success of his enterprise. He has gained wealth, yet it was not alone the goal for which he was striving, and he belongs to that class of representative American citizens who promote the general prosperity while advancing individual interests."

Unto Mr. and Mrs. Crowe were born twelve children: Agnes, who became the wife of Leslie M. Strong; Margaret, the wife of George Johnson; Mary, the wife of Oscar E. Anderson; Christine; Anna E., who on the 18th of June, 1902,

became the wife of J. B. Bergstrom of Fargo, North Dakota; May; William G.; George Roger; Robert E.; Harry James; Lester Verne; and Glenn, who died in infancy.

William G. Crowe, whose name introduces this review, was born January 3, 1884, upon the old homestead, which is situated in the west end of the city, in which he still resides. He attended the public schools of his native town, completing his education with two years of high school at the age of sixteen. He then entered upon his active career, becoming an employe in the clothing store of Mr. McNeil. There he remained two years and at the end of that time attended for one year the Capital City Commercial College in Des Moines. Upon his return he entered the offices of the Crowe Coal Mining Company, working for his father for three years, at the end of which time he became bookkeeper for Fenton & Company, a well known grocery firm of Boone. His activities with this firm were terminated after two years, on the expiration of which period he established himself in business independently, buying the garage of Williams & Stockslager. Mr. Crowe has since been in charge of this business and enjoys a most profitable trade. He has won many new customers by carefully attending to their wants, is punctual and obliging and has shown himself in many ways an excellent business man. He has one of the best establishments of its kind in this part of the state, and its success is largely due to the up-to-date methods and the honest policy which are prevailing in the business.

On July 26, 1907, William G. Crowe married Miss Lora Jenkins, a daughter of Lee and Adelaide (Saunders) Jenkins. Mr. Crowe is one of the popular young men of Boone, respected and esteemed by all who know him. He is connected with a number of fraternal organizations, particularly the Masons, in which he holds high rank. In that order he is a Shriner and also belongs to the Eastern Star. Moreover, Mr. Crowe is a member of the Benevolent Protective Order of Elks, the Knights of Pythias and the Modern Woodmen of America. Success has come to him in response to an ambition which could not be deterred by any obstacles or hindrances, and his career is again proof of the fact that industry, determination, honesty and thrift will win the way to prosperity.

MAXSON W. GRIFFEE.

Maxson W. Griffiee is today the oldest potter in Boone county in years of continuous connection with the business. About 1863 he established a pottery in Boonesboro and began the manufacture of stoneware. In this business he continued until 1899, when he retired and is now giving his attention merely to the supervision of his property interests. He was born February 22, 1843, in Cadiz, Henry county, Indiana, his parents being Adam and Ruth Annie (Dooley) Griffiee, the former a native of Wales and the latter of Ohio. The father, a miller by trade, came to the United States in early life and established his home in Cadiz, Indiana. He was married in that state and there made his home until 1855, when he removed with his family to Boone, working in the flour mill of George Hoover for some time. He was connected with milling in Polk county,

Iowa, at the time of his death, although he still made his home in Boone county. His religious faith was that of the Methodist Episcopal church and his political belief that of the republican party. To him and his wife were born the following children: Keziah, who became the wife of James Gaskell and died in Boone; Maxson W.; Ellen, the wife of Michael Hayes, a resident of Denver, Colorado; Allie, who married Lizzie Henshaw, of Boone county; Rachel, the wife of Jasper Moreland, of South Dakota; Mrs. Mary Parsons, of Omaha; and Charles, who is living in Ralston, Iowa.

Maxson W. Griffiee is a self-educated as well as a self-made man, having opportunity to attend school for only three months. He has learned many lessons, however, through business experience and observation. When but twelve years of age he went to work in a pottery at Boone and followed that pursuit for twenty years. He began grinding clay in the Kelcey pottery and applied himself with much diligence and mastered the business so thoroughly that he won rapid advancement and gained a thorough and practical knowledge of the trade. At twenty years of age he built a pottery in Boone and began the manufacture of all kinds of stoneware. The enterprise prospered from the beginning and later, or about 1870, he built a second pottery in Boone. He became the largest dealer in the county and his shipments went to all parts of the United States. Gradually as he met success he equipped his plant with the latest improved machinery, also improved the grade of pottery manufactured and through the excellence of his output, as well as his honorable dealings, increased his trade to extensive proportions. He retired from active business, selling his plant in 1899, since which time he has given his attention to his property interests. He has built a number of residences and other buildings in Boone and now owns valuable real estate.

On the 1st of February, 1868, Mr. Griffiee was married to Miss Martha Buffkin, of Indiana, a daughter of Samuel and Catherine Buffkin. Mrs. Griffiee passed away in Boonesboro in 1882, and on the 27th of September, 1883, he married Julia A. Wilbur, who was born in Trumbull county, Ohio, February 1, 1843. She acquired her education in the common schools of Farmington, Ohio, and at eighteen years of age began teaching in Trumbull county, which profession she followed for three years. She then engaged in dressmaking and in 1867 came to Boone, where she lived with her brother Dwight, a coal operator.

Mrs. Griffiee is a daughter of Joseph and Clarinda (Colburn) Wilbur, who were natives of Connecticut. The father was born May 26, 1807, and after his marriage removed to Ohio. In his younger days he was a miller, farmer and gardener. In 1869 he came to Boone, where he passed away on the 10th of June, 1883. His wife held membership in the Methodist Episcopal church. Unto them were born the following named. Dwight, the eldest, born in Ohio, July 19, 1839, was married there to Edna Lyman and both died in Los Angeles. Orlando, born November 25, 1841, died in Ohio, January 10, 1866. Mrs. Griffiee is the next of the family. Louise R., born February 12, 1845, was married in 1864 to Charles Holcomb and died August 26, 1910, while on a visit in Woodville, Ohio. Jonathan, born October 10, 1846, was married March 25, 1869, to Hattie Thompson and died in Los Angeles. David C., born May 15, 1848, was married January 13, 1870, to Esther Minor, of Ohio, who died in Marshall-

town, Iowa, January 25, 1905. Andrew, born September 10, 1851, was married November 12, 1874, to Hattie Dempster and lives in Santa Barbara, California. Curtis E., born December 15, 1854, was married January 13, 1876, to Stella Tyler and died in Denver, Colorado, December 14, 1905.

Mr. Griffee had one child by his first marriage, Isaac, who was born September 17, 1873. He was married January 16, 1907, to Edna Satterlee and they have one son, Cleo M. Mr. Griffee tends to spiritualism in religious belief and to socialism in political faith. His wife is a member of the Methodist Episcopal church and is identified with its Missionary Society and Aid Society. They are both well known in this county, where they have long resided and where Mr. Griffee won a place among the representative business men, being for a long period connected with one of the most important productive industries of the county.

WILLIAM H. NELSON.

Through enterprising methods, William H. Nelson has built up a good business in the marble and granite monument trade at Boone. Determination and energy have constituted the salient features of his success, bringing him to a position where the consensus of public opinion places him among the foremost and representative business men of his city. His parents are Benjamin R. and Nancy (Forsythe) Nelson. The paternal grandfather, Benjamin Nelson, born at Redstone, Pennsylvania, in 1786, served throughout the War of 1812 in the Second Ohio Militia and when his military duties were over took up the occupation of farming, which he made his life work, passing away in Ohio.

The father was born December 21, 1830, in Harrison county, Ohio, where he learned and followed the blacksmith's trade. He was afterward employed on the national turnpike in shoeing government horses. With the outbreak of the Civil war his patriotic spirit was aroused and he enlisted at Zanesville, Ohio, in the One Hundred and Twenty-second Ohio Infantry, with which he served throughout the war, being advanced from the ranks to the position of corporal. Twice he was wounded, and because of his injuries he was honorably discharged on the 9th of June, 1865. In April, 1866, he removed to Cambridge, Ohio, and was made gatekeeper on the national turnpike, continuing in that position until 1872, when he went to Zanesville. He was afterward at St. Clairsville and finally returned to Cambridge, where he passed away May 22, 1890. On the 1st of April, 1851, Benjamin R. Nelson was united in marriage to Miss Nancy Forsythe, a daughter of Thomas Forsythe, who was born in Ireland, March 14, 1808, and passed away on the 30th of April, 1881. He was but three years of age when brought to the new world and after living in Pennsylvania for a number of years became a resident of Ohio in 1837 and there engaged in the dry-goods business. He was married February 2, 1832, and it was his daughter Nancy who became the wife of Benjamin R. Nelson. Of this marriage there were born eight children: Thomas Forsythe, who was born March 31, 1852, and is now in Washington, D. C.; Mary Jane, who was born March 25, 1854, and is the wife of Levi D. Anker of Cambridge, Ohio; William H., of this review, born March 1, 1857; John

Anderson, who was born November 25, 1859, and is living in Cambridge, Ohio; Clara Margaret, who was born October 24, 1862, and is the wife of Robert Rickard of Goldfield, Iowa; James McFarland, who was born September 12, 1868, and is living in Cleveland, Ohio; Anna Belle, who was born February 17, 1871, and is the wife of Charles Carnes of Cambridge, Ohio, and Bertha Rosella, who was born May 21, 1873, and is with her mother in Cambridge.

William H. Nelson acquired his early education in the country schools and also continued his studies in Cambridge and in the St. Clairsville (Ohio) high school. He was connected with the optical business in Chicago from 1876 until 1878 and on the expiration of that period went to Des Moines. He afterward engaged in the abstract business in various places in Iowa, including Des Moines, Indianola and Nevada. Subsequently he removed to Cedar Rapids and there began the publication of Nelson's Railway Guide, which is now known as Russell's Railway Guide. At a later period he went to Marshalltown, where he was engaged in the oil business for thirteen years. He likewise became prominent in local politics and during his residence there served as a member of the city council for several terms and also as justice of the peace. In fact, he was one of the leading and influential residents of that locality.

When Mr. Nelson had disposed of his interests at Marshalltown he turned his attention to farming, but after a year entered the hotel business at Gilbert, Iowa, whence he went to Ames and from that point came to Boone. This was in the year 1905 and for a brief period he conducted a hotel in this city. He then sold out and is now engaged in the marble monument business in Boone, in which he has been accorded a liberal patronage. He devotes his entire attention to this business and for the products of his shop finds a ready sale. His enterprise is unfaltering and his energy places him among those who are most active and progressive in the business circles of the city.

Mr. Nelson was married in Gilbert, Iowa, to Miss Sarah Elizabeth MacFarlane, who was born July 30, 1856, in Princeton, New York, a daughter of John Alexander and Mary Jean (Hannay) MacFarlane, natives of Scotland. The great-grandfather of Mrs. Nelson was Parlan MacFarlane, who was one of the last chiefs of the celebrated MacFarlane clan of the Scotch highlands. He was born in Scotland in 1769 and passed away August 12, 1814. The grandfather, John MacFarlane, born May 19, 1796, left his native Scotland to become a resident of the new world and passed away in the state of New York in 1867. The father, John Alexander MacFarlane, arrived in the United States in his youthful days and during the period of the Civil war, from 1861 to 1865, was on active duty with the Thirteenth New York Heavy Artillery. He made farming his life occupation and thus provided for his family of eight children, of whom four are yet living. Unto Mr. and Mrs. Nelson have been born five children: Alice M., born May 28, 1882; John Archibald, born November 20, 1883; Anna Richmond, who was born May 18, 1888, and passed away July 24, 1893; Ethelyn Marie, who was born September 28, 1890; and Ruth MacFarlane, born January 16, 1894.

The family attend the Presbyterian church, in which the parents hold membership. Mr. Nelson is also a Mason, an Odd Fellow, a Knight of Pythias and a Modern Woodman, and he belongs to the grand lodge of I. O. O. F. of Des Moines. His wife is a past president of the Rebekah assembly of the state of

Iowa and a past grand chief of the Pythian Sisters of Iowa. In his political views Mr. Nelson is a stalwart republican, but the honors and emoluments of office have no attraction for him. He is a man of notable energy in business affairs, of fidelity in friendship and of trustworthiness in every relation of life. Wherever known he is held in high esteem and most of all where he is best known.

PERRY HARTMAN.

Perry Hartman, blacksmith and wagon builder of Boone, is to be numbered among the prosperous business men of this city. He was born in Oneco township, Stephenson county, Illinois, January 20, 1856, and is a son of Jacob and Elizabeth (Marden) Hartman, the Marden family originally coming from the state of Delaware. Jacob Hartman was born in Lehigh county, near Allentown, Pennsylvania, on a farm, and began his career as a farm laborer. His educational advantages were limited, but he improved himself by private study and observation. He married, in Lehigh county, Miss Elizabeth Marden, and they then moved to Union county, where he plied his trades of carpenter and shoemaker. About 1840 he removed with his wife and three children to Illinois. They made the journey by way of canal to Pittsburgh and thence entrained for Chicago, going by wagon to Stephenson county. There the father bought a tract of land near the village of Oneco, which was then according to general opinion to become the county seat. He believed in its future and invested whatever money he had in lots there. During all this time he followed his trade as carpenter, and it may be mentioned at this instance that the only power which he had for turning the lathe was by foot. Many of the old-fashioned high post beds were manufactured by him. In the spring of 1869 he removed to Boone, turning his attention to farming. Several of his sons located in the northern part of Iowa, where they homesteaded.

Mr. and Mrs. Hartman gave their allegiance to the German Reformed church, in which particularly the mother was very active. The father was a democrat and staunchly supported that party. In their family were the following children: Amanda, the widow of Jesse Shull of Boone; Helen, who married Joseph Stevick and who is deceased; Henry of Boone, an old soldier who first married Leah Walters and second Miss Bowman; Wilson, of Spencer, Iowa, who also served in the war and who married Amelia Runkle of Stephenson county, Illinois; Ella, deceased; Eliza, who is Mrs. Albert Scott, of Des Moines; Albert, from whom no word has been received for the last fourteen years; Perry, of this review; and Emma, who married Frank Ackman of Denver, Colorado.

Perry Hartman acquired his education in the schools of Oneco township, Stephenson county, Illinois, and Boone, receiving his last lessons under Professor Wallace. He completed his education at the age of fifteen. He earned his first money by helping the sheep shearers employed by Thomas Bowen of Green county, Wisconsin, Mr. Hartman catching and holding the sheep until the men would take them from him in order to wash them before shearing operations were begun. At the age of seventeen he took up the blacksmithing trade with James Douglas

Kirkpatrick of Spencer, Iowa. His apprenticeship lasted three years, and he then worked as a journeyman for George Ward of Spencer, for one year. Returning to Boone, he entered the employ of Jack Nipps and subsequently the wagon shop of Hayes & Johnson, remaining with the latter firm for sixteen months. At the end of that time he removed to Alta, Iowa, where he remained for four years. In Carroll, Iowa, Mr. Hartman conducted a furniture business which he bought from his old teacher, Mr. Woodring, and whom he first met again upon this occasion. He then returned to Boone, where he engaged in business independently, establishing himself in the fifth ward, and there he has now been engaged in business for fifteen years. He built his present shop about four years ago and at that time took in as a partner Frank G. Peterson. He is now at the head of a profitable and extensive business, and his reputation as a man of affairs is well established. Success has attended the efforts of Mr. Hartman because he has always acted with determination and has never lagged in industry in pursuing his projects.

On January 20, 1879, Perry Hartman married Miss Almira Des Moines Vernon of Boone, a daughter of John and Carolina (Lambert) Vernon, the former deceased. Mr. and Mrs. Hartman have the following children. Perry Vernon married Margaret Drennan and they have four children: Perry, Harold, Clifford and Margaret Rose. Vinnie is the wife of R. C. Wilson, who is the head of the Wilson transfer business in Boone, and they have two children, Walter R. and Maurice William. Ethel, the next in order of birth, married George Lawson, of Boone, an engineer by profession. Alice, who graduated from the Boone high school, studied music in Drake University and is now superintendent of music for the Boone schools, is at home. Ina is the wife of J. H. Murray, and they reside in Kansas City, Missouri. Mr. Hartman has ever been true to the faith of the German Reform church, in which he was baptized. Politically he is a republican and thoroughly conversant with the aims of his party, always ready to support its measures and candidates. He is particularly interested in local affairs and has oftentimes given his support to valuable measures, although he is not an active politician. Fraternally he is popular in the Independent Order of Odd Fellows and the Knights of Pythias. Both Mr. and Mrs. Hartman and their friends are highly esteemed and respected in Boone as people of worth and substance. They are useful citizens and have contributed to the material, moral and intellectual growth of their city and county.

SCHUYLER J. WHEELER.

Schuyler J. Wheeler is one of the extensive landowners of Boone county, owning fourteen hundred acres in Harrison township. His residence in this county covers a quarter of a century, as he arrived here on the 31st of March, 1888. With the exception of a quarter section which he inherited he has acquired his large holdings by his own exertions and good business judgment. He was born in Benton county, Missouri, on the 13th of November, 1862, a son of Commodore P. and Eytchie (West) Wheeler, who were early settlers in Missouri, having removed to that state from Indiana. The father carried on farming and stock-

raising and was known as an enterprising agriculturist and public-spirited citizen. His birth occurred in Wyoming county, New York, where his father conducted a tannery. Both the father and mother of our subject passed away many years ago. There were eight children born to their union, all of whom are living, although Schuyler J. is the only one who is a resident of Boone county.

The subject of this review was reared in Missouri and after leaving the public schools he attended college at Sedalia. The formal training of schools, however, was not his only education, as he learned much of agriculture and stock-raising through assisting his father upon the home farm. Upon reaching manhood he put his training to practical use and has successfully followed general farming and stock-raising. He has shipped cattle and hogs quite extensively and has now one hundred head registered Aberdeen Angus cattle. He is known throughout the county as a breeder of registered stock and also raises a good grade of Duroc Jersey hogs. Part of his present farm was entered in 1855 by his grandfather, Schuyler Wheeler, a resident of the vicinity of Fort Wayne, Indiana, who, however, never lived on the property. Most of the many improvements on the farm have been made by our subject, who is an excellent farmer and understands how to co-ordinate the various branches of agriculture so that a maximum profit is secured. As success has come to him he has invested in more land until he is now the owner of fourteen hundred acres in Harrison township.

Mr. Wheeler was married in Boone county, Iowa, in 1908, to Miss Eva Carlson, a native of this county and a daughter of John A. Carlson, a farmer and early settler of Harrison township. Mrs. Wheeler attended normal school at Boone and for some years was a teacher in this county. By her marriage she has become the mother of a son, Waldo Francis, whose birth occurred on the 8th of August, 1912.

The family are liberal in their religious views, emphasizing the necessity of justice and brotherly kindness and feeling that matters of creed and dogma are of little moment. Mr. Wheeler gives his political allegiance to the democratic party and is an intelligent student of public affairs. He has done much to aid in the agricultural development of the county and has also won the respect of his fellowmen by reason of his upright life and manly principles of conduct.

D. A. BURKHART.

Boone county numbers D. A. Burkhardt among her native sons and those who know him—and he has a wide acquaintance—entertain for him warm regard and friendship. He is now engaged in general farming, cultivating a quarter section of land in the township in which he was born on the 2d of September, 1875.

The usual experiences of a farm lad fell to the lot of D. A. Burkhardt, who spent his boyhood and youth in Peoples township, where he still makes his home. He early learned lessons of industry, for at an early age he began to work in the fields and throughout his life he has followed farming and stock-raising. He is today busily engaged in the further development and cultivation of one hundred and sixty acres of land situated on section 14, Peoples township, and in addition to cultivating the cereals best adapted to soil and climate he is engaged

in raising graded stock, meeting with a fair measure of success in this undertaking.

On the 24th of December, 1902, Mr. Burkhart was united in marriage to Miss Luella Loretta Pentico, who was born in Prairie City, Jasper county, Iowa, on the 22d of November, 1882. Her father, Emanuel Pentico, was born in Westover, Cleveland county, Pennsylvania, January 21, 1854, and when a youth of seventeen years, or in 1871, came to the middle west, settling in Iowa. He was married in Jasper county, this state, on the 20th of March, 1879, the lady of his choice being Miss Mary Wiggins, who was born in Prairie City, Jasper county, November 4, 1858. The parents removed to Boone county in 1890. The parents of Mrs. Pentico were among the early settlers of Jasper county. The children of Mr. and Mrs. Pentico were: Lucy, deceased; Frank, a resident of Peoples township; Mrs. Burkhart, wife of the subject of this review; Mrs. Etta Olson, whose home is in Regent, North Dakota; Orville, of Cylinder, Iowa; and Mrs. Myrtle Sparks, of Marcy township.

Mrs. Burkhart was reared to womanhood in her native county and attended the public schools near her father's home. By her marriage she has become the mother of one son, Raymond LeRoy, who was born April 1, 1904, and is attending school near his parents' home. In his political views Mr. Burkhart is a republican, voting for the men and measures of the party yet never seeking office as a reward for party fealty. He has been an active, energetic man, carefully directing his business affairs, and he is well known as one of the pioneer settlers of Peoples township, his life being in every respect worthy of the regard which is accorded him.

SAMUEL SUNDBERG.

Samuel Sundberg belongs to the younger generation of successful farmers of Boone county, owning eighty-five acres of choice land on section 18, Garden township, splendidly improved with a modern set of substantial buildings. He not only follows general farming but gives much attention to stock-raising and keeps a high grade of live stock on his farm. His parents, J. H. and Anna L. (Peterson) Sundberg, were natives of Sweden. The father emigrated to the United States in 1870, being joined the following year by his wife and children in the new world. They resided in Chicago until 1878, when they came to Boone county, Iowa, locating at Madrid. After one year's residence here they removed to Polk county but later returned to Madrid. The mother died August 20, 1891, the father surviving her until April 9, 1908. They had five children: Andrew M., a successful furniture dealer of Madrid; Mrs. Matilda Lundahl, who also resides in that city; Oscar, of Madrid; Samuel, of this review; and Anna, who makes her home in Madrid. The three eldest children were born in Sweden and the younger ones in Chicago.

Samuel Sundberg was born in Chicago, Illinois, June 26, 1871, and remained in that city until the fall of 1878, when the family removed to Madrid remaining there for one year. They then made their home in Polk county, until 1896. In 1900 Samuel Sundberg purchased a farm in Garden township, Boone county, com-

prising eighty-five acres on section 18. He has since made it his home and has been very successful in his agricultural endeavors. His improvements are modern and up-to-date and the latest machinery can be found upon the premises. Mr. Sundberg gives particular attention to stock-raising and keeps a high grade of animals on his place. In the course of years he has become one of the substantial agriculturists of his neighborhood.

On September 27, 1893, Mr. Sundberg married Miss Maude Westerberg, who was born in Marshalltown, Iowa, January 12, 1872, and came with her parents to Garden township, where she grew to womanhood. She is a daughter of A. P. and Emma (Lundahl) Anderson Westerberg, natives of Sweden. The father was born in Skarabing, Westergotland, on the 17th of July, 1840, and when a young man of twenty-six emigrated to the United States, locating in Boone, Iowa, October 9, 1866. For nine years he was connected with the bridge-building department of the Chicago & Northwestern Railway. He then bought a tract of land of one hundred and twenty acres in Garden township, subsequently extending the boundaries of his farm until it embraced two hundred acres. He became a substantial agriculturist and was highly esteemed by all who knew him. He died in Madrid, September 22, 1909. His first wife having passed away on the Westerberg farm in Garden township, he subsequently married Mrs. Christina Westland. By his first wife he had eight children: Mrs. Maude Sundberg; A. R., manager of the Madrid Electric Lighting & Power Company; Mrs. Ethel Westerstrom, of Madrid; Frank, who resides in Boone; Mrs. Esther Krantz, of Madrid; Edwin, of Longmont, Colorado; Mrs. Blanche Peterson, of Garden township; and Zylph, deceased. Mr. and Mrs. Sundberg have one son, Carl Milton, born in Garden township, February 18, 1898. He attended the district schools, completing his grade work in 1914.

Mr. and Mrs. Sundberg are members of the Swedish Lutheran church of Madrid, which they attend regularly. Politically he is a republican and for a number of years has been a member of the board of education in Garden township, having served as treasurer of the board for some time. He has not only attained to individual prosperity but has been an important factor in the general agricultural development, having always taken a deep interest in these matters. The high standing which he enjoys among farmers and stock-raisers is evident from the fact that he at present serves as president of the Farmers Institute of Madrid, and in the past he has filled the offices of secretary and treasurer of this institution. Mr. Sundberg has many friends in Garden township and Madrid—friends of long years' standing who recognize in him a man of character whose success has been based upon honorable endeavor.

JAMES BARCLAY.

James Barclay, who resides upon a well improved farm of one hundred and sixty acres on section 33, Garden township, is one of the most successful agriculturists of Boone county. Besides this farm he owns one hundred and sixty acres of choice land on sections 10 and 15. He not only follows general farming



MIR. AND MRS. JAMES BARCLAY

but makes a specialty of raising Holstein cattle and has been particularly successful as a stock-raiser.

Mr. Barclay was born in Carroll county, Ohio, June 24, 1839, and there attended the common schools and grew to manhood. From early life he has followed farming. His parents were Joseph and Jeanette (Noble) Barclay, both natives of Scotland, the former born January 14, 1788, and the latter in Inverness, August 15, 1801. The father died in Ohio, March 11, 1848, and the mother in the same state, December 19, 1866.

In their family were eleven children, as follows: Mena Ann, who was born March 26, 1824, and died in Wisconsin; Alexander, who was born December 16, 1825, and was drowned in the Wisconsin river, June 30, 1852; Elizabeth, who was born September 2, 1827, and died March 30, 1848; John, whose birth occurred August 11, 1829, and who has also passed away; Mrs. James Salzman, who was born July 31, 1831, and is now residing in Carrollton, Ohio; Mrs. Mary Peterson, who was born January 31, 1833, and died in June, 1913; Angus, who was born October 7, 1834, and resides in Richland county, Wisconsin; Joseph, who was born August 7, 1836, and died March 18, 1848; James, of this review; and Sarah and Margaret, twins, born May 16, 1840. Margaret died in October of that year, and Sarah, who is now Mrs. Marshall, resides in Richland Center, Wisconsin. All of these children were born in Ohio.

In July, 1862, James Barclay enlisted for service in the Union army, joining Company A, One Hundred and Fifteenth Ohio Volunteer Infantry. He was mustered out in June, 1865. He served with General George H. Thomas' corps and participated in the battle of Nashville and the Tennessee campaign. One of his brothers was also a Union soldier, under the command of General Macpherson, whose death he witnessed before Atlanta.

After his discharge James Barclay returned to Ohio, thence making his way to Wisconsin, where he remained two months. In 1865 he came to Boone, Iowa, and purchased forty acres of coal lands west of the city, establishing what was known as Barclay's Coal Bank, one of the first in Boone county. He continued in its operation and management until 1867, when he came to Garden township and purchased eighty acres of choice land on sections 10 and 15, later adding eighty acres. He improved this farm, erected substantial buildings and in the course of years made it one of the most valuable farms in the township. In 1908 he purchased one hundred and sixty acres on section 33 and located on it. This farm is also modernly improved and yields him rich returns. It is here that Mr. Barclay now makes his home.

On December 26, 1866, James Barclay married Rebecca Hoyer, who was born in Wayne county, Ohio, March 4, 1844, and died in Garden township, November 18, 1913. Her parents, Mr. and Mrs. George Hoyer, both of whom are now deceased, came overland to Boone county at an early day and were among the pioneer families. They had the following children: Isaac, who is residing in Boone, Iowa, at the age of eighty years; twins, born December 22, 1831, one of whom died in infancy, while the other, Mrs. Maria Homan, passed away April 12, 1902; John, who was born January 22, 1837, and died July 18, 1904; George, who was born February 22, 1839, and is a resident of Boone; Peter, deceased; Mrs. Lucy Dillon, who is residing in Nebraska; and Mrs. James Barclay, the youngest in the family.

Mr. and Mrs. Barclay had five children: Mrs. Salemma Hazen, residing in Madrid, Iowa; Charles, of Garden township; Bertha, residing with her father; Angus, who makes his home on the Garden township farm; and Mrs. Fern Swanson, who died March 17, 1907.

Mr. Barclay is a republican and for a number of years has been school director of Garden township. He is a member of the Congregational church, to which his wife also belonged. Success has come to him on account of his industry, energy and thrift and he is esteemed and respected for what he has attained and those qualities of his character which have made possible his prosperity. Mr. Barclay is a representative farmer of Boone county and the agricultural development of this section of the state is largely to be attributed to the initiative of such men as he.

WILLIAM WILSON.

William Wilson is an honored veteran of the Civil war and is also one of the extensive landowners of Boone county, having added to his possessions from time to time until they now aggregate more than seven hundred acres. A native of England, he was born in Suffolk county on the 21st of February, 1841, and was thirteen years of age when he came to the new world with his parents, Simon and Elizabeth (Ball) Wilson, who were also natives of Suffolk county as was the paternal grandfather, Samuel Wilson. In fact, the ancestors lived there for several generations. On coming to the new world, the family spent some months in Pennsylvania and then made their way westward to Iowa, settling in Boone county, where William Wilson has since resided. His father passed away in 1865 at the age of fifty years and the mother died at Pilot Mound in February, 1906, having survived her husband for more than forty years. She was eighty-three at the time of her demise. Simon Wilson had been twice married. He first wedded Miss Bayes, of Suffolk county, England, and unto them was born a daughter, Annie, who became the wife of E. T. Mills and died at Pilot Mound a number of years ago. By the second marriage there were nine children, of whom William Wilson is the eldest, the others being: Elizabeth, who became the wife of William K. Carson and passed away at Pilot Mound; Samuel, who is engaged in the lumber business at Oakdale, California; Sarah, who was but sixteen years of age at the time of her death; Mary, who passed away a number of years ago in Boone, leaving a husband and children; Mrs. Alice Showers, of Fraser; Mrs. Florence Linn, residing at Pilot Mound; Simon, a resident farmer of Boone county; and Mrs. Nancy Starks, who died in Nebraska in 1892.

William Wilson was only about thirteen years of age when the family came to Iowa. Boone county was then a frontier district and his educational opportunities were somewhat limited, but in the school of experience he has learned many valuable lessons which have made him an enterprising and successful business man. Through the period of his youth he worked with his father upon the home farm and in 1862, when a young man of twenty-one years, he enlisted in a military organization known as the Northern Border Brigade. He served with that command through the remainder of the year 1862 and a portion of the year

1863, protecting the northern border of Iowa from the Indians who were troublesome along the Minnesota border. Trouble being ended there, the men of this organization offered their services to the Federal government for active duty in the south, but as there was no call at that time for a cavalry regiment from Iowa, the members generally enlisted in other regiments, Mr. Wilson going to the front with Company F, Thirteenth Iowa Volunteer Infantry, with which he served until the close of the war, when he was mustered out at Washington, D. C. Returning from the war, he purchased a tract of eighty acres of land in Boone county and gradually acquired more, adding to his possessions from time to time as his financial resources increased until he is now the owner of seven hundred and seventy-five acres. His property interests yield to him a most gratifying annual income, and he is today one of the most substantial citizens of the county. In his business affairs his judgment has at all times been sound, and he seems to readily recognize the possibilities and opportunities for the attainment of success. Gradually he has worked his way upward and the most envious cannot grudge him his prosperity, so honorably has it been gained and so worthily used.

In 1866 Mr. Wilson was married to Miss Nancy Richardson, a daughter of Joseph and Mary Richardson, who passed away six years later at the age of twenty-eight. In 1873 he wedded Miss Catherine Fallein, who was born in Sweden, August 7, 1852, and was brought to America when five years of age. The family home was established in Boone county, where she acquired her education and has always since resided. Her parents were Lawrence and Annie Fallein, both of whom passed away in Boone county at the ages of eighty-seven and ninety years respectively. Their children were: Lewis, living at Stratford; Jonas, now deceased; Mrs. Anna Aldrich, a resident of California; and Mrs. Wilson.

Unto Mr. and Mrs. Wilson have been born eleven children and they are very fortunate in that the family circle yet remains unbroken by the hand of death. Joseph Arthur, the eldest, born September 24, 1874, was married April 14, 1897, to Miss Elizabeth Hannann and they had one child who died in infancy. Mabel, born August 29, 1875, was married September 12, 1894, to C. L. Pollard and they had four children, Florence, deceased, Claude, Theodore and Theresa. Henry Lewis, born January 28, 1877, was married February 20, 1901, to Ellen Cole, and their children are Raymond, Gladys, Meryl and Eleanor. William Richard, born March 15, 1878, was married March 14, 1900, to Emma Cole, and they had three children: Roy and Marie, still living, and a son who died in infancy. Florence Elizabeth, born December 10, 1879, became the wife of William Wallace on the 22d of March, 1899. They now reside in Mitchell county, Iowa, and their children are Lloyd, Glenn Wilson and Ruth. Jennie Lucinda, deceased, was born December 18, 1881, and became the wife of V. E. Hannann on the 17th of November, 1902. Their children were Amy, Fay, Ferne and George. David Clarence, born November 22, 1883, is a blacksmith at Mineral Ridge and was married August 8, 1906, to Barbara McNain, by whom he has three children, Emily, Ernest and Virgil. Frank Leroy, born March 19, 1885, was married March 10, 1909, to Jennie Lindmark, and they have a daughter, Vivian. Walter Raymond, born July 11, 1887, was married August 6, 1913, to Bessie Norich, a native of Russia. Esther Catherine, born December 18, 1889, became the wife of Ralph N. Buechler on the 2d of December, 1908, and they have two children: Catherine and Helen. Elsie Sophia, born March 15, 1892, became the wife of Charles A.

Buechler, April 26, 1911. All the sons and sons-in-law are farmers of Boone county, save those whose occupation is otherwise mentioned.

Mr. and Mrs. Wilson are members of the Baptist church and have reared their family in that faith. In national politics he is a staunch democrat, but at local elections casts an independent ballot. For eight years he served as township trustee, but has never been a politician in the sense of office seeking, preferring to concentrate his energies upon his business affairs. Proof of his capable management of his business activities is found in his splendid success, making him one of the representative farmers of the county.

ALFRED B. WADE.

Alfred B. Wade, who belongs to one of the oldest and most prominent families of Boone county and is a prosperous and well-to-do agriculturist, was born in what is now Peoples township, January 12, 1857. His parents were Washington and Lucy (Bass) Wade, the former born in Medina county, Ohio, in 1818, and the latter in Pennsylvania in 1825. The father died in Woodward, Iowa, in 1904, and the mother in the same city in 1906. They settled in Peoples township at the early days, having come overland from Illinois, where they had resided for one year. They were among the pioneers of this county and made their first home on a farm in Cass township. There were but few settlers at that time and wild game was yet abundant, until the severe winter of 1857. Mr. and Mrs. Washington Wade were the parents of eleven children: J. B., of Nebraska; Mrs. Josephine Miller, deceased; Mrs. Alice Calonkey, of Woodward; Mrs. Jennie Bettis, of Denver, Colorado; Alfred B., of this review; and Albert, twin brother of our subject, who died at the age of nine months; Ella, residing in Woodward; Mrs. Hattie Hughes, of Belle Plaine, Iowa; William M., of Woodward; Mrs. Minnie Callahan, also of that city; and Albertus, of Woodward. The three eldest were born in Michigan, the fourth in Illinois and the younger ones in Boone county, where all of them were reared and attended the common schools.

Alfred B. Wade attended the schools of Peoples township and grew to manhood upon his father's farm, early becoming acquainted with thoroughly efficient methods of farming and stock-raising. He was the first white child born in Peoples township and grew up among conditions which were yet primitive in the extreme and fraught with dangers and hardships. He followed farming in his native township and eventually purchased one hundred and thirty-five acres of choice land adjacent to his first farm and immediately north of the business part of Woodward. Thereon he has since continued to reside and has erected a modern, well furnished home. In addition to this place he owns two hundred and forty acres on section 11, Peoples township, improved with two sets of buildings. Mr. Wade raises a high grade of live stock and besides looking after his farming interests acts as manager of the Farmers Cooperative Company of Woodward, showing excellent business ability in the discharge of his duties. He has prospered because of his determination, industry, honesty and energy.

On October 4, 1882, Alfred B. Wade was married at Boonesboro, Boone county, to Miss Hattie Taylor, who was born in Illinois, August 22, 1859. She came to Iowa with her parents in the fall of 1871, the family locating in Peoples township, where the father, William Taylor, followed farming until his death. Her mother, Mrs. Mary E. (Kinkner) Taylor, now makes her home with Mrs. Wade. Mr. and Mrs. Taylor were the parents of six children: Mrs. Hattie Wade; Joseph, of Ogden, Iowa; Mrs. Elva Miller, of Rhodes, Iowa; Fred, of Ogden, this state; Mrs. Rosa Giles, of Long Beach, California; and Mrs. Lida Egan, of Woodward. Mr. and Mrs. Wade had three sons and one daughter, all of whom were born in Peoples township. They were: Bruce Wilfred, a resident of Peoples township; Glenn, deceased; Boyd, who assists his father in his farming and business interests; and Marie, attending the high school in Woodward.

Mr. Wade is a progressive, public-spirited citizen, always interested in measures undertaken for the benefit of his community and county. He served as a member of the school board in Peoples township and has been a township trustee in Dallas county. Fraternally he and his two sons are members of Woodward Lodge, No. 460, I. O. O. F., and Mrs. Wade holds membership in the Christian church of Woodward. He has participated in the agricultural development of Boone county and has been an important factor in its general development, ever ready to contribute his share and more than his share to the advancement and upbuilding of his district.

J. BENJAMIN FRISE.

J. Benjamin Frise has been an important factor in the agricultural development of Boone county, owning eighty acres of choice land on section 22, Garden township, which farm is highly improved, bespeaking by its appearance the efficient methods which are employed in its cultivation. Mr. Frise was born in Kendall county, Illinois, December 18, 1864, and when ten years of age came with his parents to Boone county in 1874, the family locating on the farm where he still resides. His parents were John and Evalina (Kenniseon) Frise, the former born in Prince Edward Island, October 29, 1835, and the latter a native of Vermont. The father moved to Illinois in 1842 and in 1874 came to Boone county, settling in Garden township, where his wife died. He now resides in Madrid.

In their family were the following children: Ida Arvilla, who was born August 23, 1859, and died on October 17, 1869; William H., who was born February 2, 1861, and passed away April 16, 1863; Mrs. Ella Lundahl, who was born November 26, 1862, and is now a resident of Garden township; J. Benjamin, of this review; Charles, who was born January 9, 1866, and lives in Arizona; Minnie M., who was born March 12, 1868, and died March 7, 1871; Harry, who was born September 29, 1872, and resides at Sheridan, Wyoming; Mrs. Grace Carlson, who was born December 17, 1873, and lives in Story county, Iowa; Roy, who was born April 23, 1876, and died September 4 of the same year; Mrs. Irene Carlson, who was born August 25, 1878, and makes her home in Canby, Minnesota; Mrs. Lulu Bullington, who was born December 25, 1879, and lives in Madrid; and

Blanche, who was born December 2, 1884, and also resides in Madrid. The four eldest children were born in Illinois and the remainder in Boone county.

J. Benjamin Frise attended school in Illinois and Garden township, this county. He early began to assist his father with the work on the homestead farm, becoming thoroughly versed in efficient agricultural methods. His eighty-acre farm on section 22, Garden township, is one of the most profitable in the neighborhood and there Mr. Frise follows the most modern and up-to-date methods. His buildings are kept in good repair and his land is planted to the most suitable cereals and vegetables. His years of labor have brought him prosperity and he ranks today with the substantial citizens of Garden township.

In 1889 Mr. Frise was married in Boone county to Miss Tillie Soderlund, who was born in Madrid, January 1, 1868. There she attended school and grew to womanhood, having ever remained a resident of that locality. Her parents, Jonas and Bertha Soderlund, were natives of Sweden. Her father died in Garden township in 1882. He was married in Wisconsin and had eight children, six sons and two daughters: Lewis, of Garden township, cultivating the Soderlund family homestead; E. J., of Madrid; C. J., also a resident of that city; Hanson, who died November 21, 1913; Andrew, of Slater, Iowa; Mrs. J. Benjamin Frise; Mrs. Mary Alsin, who died in Slater, Iowa; and William, who died in infancy. The five eldest children were born in Wisconsin and the younger ones in Garden township, this county, where all were reared. To Mr. and Mrs. Frise three daughters were born: Ethel May, who was born May 2, 1890, and resides with her father; Stella, who was born in 1892, and is also at home; and Mrs. Ruby Frisk. All were born on the old homestead in Garden township and attended the common schools in the neighborhood. Mrs. Frisk was also a high-school student at Slater. The mother died in Garden township, sincerely mourned by her many friends, who recognized in her a woman of rare qualities.

Mr. Frise gives his vote to the republican party. For a number of years he served as clerk of Garden township and for fifteen years has been a member of the school board. He belongs to the Congregational church, attending in Garden Prairie, and is a member of the Modern Woodmen of America at Slater. He has always taken a deep interest in public affairs and has done much toward promoting progress and advancement. He stands high in the community, receiving the esteem and respect of all who know him.

CHARLES TUCKER.

Charles Tucker, of Boone, Iowa, is not only an honored veteran of the Civil war, having participated in the battle of Gettysburg, but he gave for many years his efforts to teaching and those who came under his instruction profited by his lessons and went forth from him as valuable members of society. He is now in his seventy-fourth year and can look back with pride upon a career which has been of great usefulness to his country and particularly his county and nearer neighborhood. At present he is engaged in the grocery business at 1019 Story street, Boone, and enjoys a gratifying trade because he is always courteous and obliging to his customers and follows honorable and straightforward methods.

Mr. Tucker was born on a farm September 6, 1840, in the town of Greenwich, Washington county, New York, his paternal ancestors coming originally from England. Three brothers, the original forbears of the Tucker family in America, settled in this country before 1776, one choosing Rhode Island as his residence, another making his home in Connecticut and the third in Virginia. Simeon Tucker, grandfather of Charles Tucker, participated in the war of Revolution. He and his wife died in Rhode Island and were buried on their farm near Carolina Mills. Samuel Tucker, the father, was born on the homestead there and was one of eight children. He received a common-school education and when a young man went to Washington county, New York, where he bought a farm. He married Betsy Coon, a daughter of Charles Coon, and both he and his wife died on the old farm near Cossayuna, New York. They were Quakers originally but later attended the Baptist church.

Their family consisted of eight children, six sons and two daughters: Franklin, Lydia Ann, Harriet, Henry C. and Horace are deceased, leaving William Penn, Charles and Simeon now living.

Charles Tucker attended the public schools and academy of Greenwich and subsequently the Fort Edward Seminary. He then returned to the Greenwich Academy to prepare for entering college at Schenectady, but the Civil war broke out and after several calls for volunteers had been issued, he enlisted in August, 1862, as a private in Company A, One Hundred and Twenty-third New York Volunteer Infantry, his term being for three years. He was under Captain A. T. Mason and Colonel A. L. McDougall, and his regiment was assigned to the First Brigade of the First Division of the Twelfth Army Corps under General H. W. Slocum. In the fall after he had enlisted he was taken sick at Loudoun Valley, Virginia, and was afterward taken to Harpers Ferry and placed in the hospital. There he remained until March, 1863, many times being near the point of death. At one time he had just written a letter home asking for some money, when the doctor came to his cot and he asked him what the verdict was. As the assurances of the physician were not very encouraging, Mr. Tucker recalled his letter and wrote another one asking to be taken home. The father sent the family doctor for him. He remained at home until the 1st of June, when he rejoined his regiment about twenty miles above Washington. They became part of the main army and he participated in the battle of Gettysburg, after which they went to Bristow Station, Virginia. The army was then reorganized and Mr. Tucker's regiment with the Eleventh and Twelfth Corps was ordered to join Sherman. He then did general duty in patrolling the Louisville & Nashville Railroad, being detached from his regiment, but afterward joined his command and participated in the battles of Chattanooga, Resaca and New Hope Church, Colonel McDougall being killed in the last engagement. He was also at Marietta, Kenesaw Mountain, Peach Tree Creek and Atlanta. There he remained until the fall of 1864, when he went with Sherman to the sea and afterward marched through the Carolinas to Washington and took part in the grand review. He was mustered out in June, 1865, receiving his discharge in Albany, New York. He returned home and there spent the summer. In the winter he took up school teaching in Greenwich, having already been engaged in that line of work before he joined the army. In the spring of 1866 Mr. Tucker made his way to Jo Daviess county, Illinois, on a visit and thence came to Boone county, Iowa, which at that

time was the end of the railroad. In the summer of that year he solicited insurance and also sold shrubbery. He then began teaching in Des Moines township, continuing so for four terms and remaining a teacher for about twelve years in all, the last five of which were spent in the schools of Boone. For four years of this time he was principal of the grammar school and the fifth year he acted as principal of the Boone school. At one time he was a candidate for the office of county superintendent of schools, but was defeated. Mr. Tucker has always given his allegiance to the republican party and is still true to those political colors. For thirty years he has been a member of the Universalist church and has been president of the board for the last ten or twelve years. Fraternally he is a Mason and has been a member of that order since 1868.

In August, 1871, Mr. Tucker was married, in Madrid, Iowa, to Miss Emma A. Norton, of Boone, a daughter of Andrew S. and Elizabeth (Hoppin) Norton, and to this union were born two children. Grace E., a graduate of the Boone high school, has engaged in teaching and for five years has served as county superintendent of schools here; Scott Emory received his education in Boone and at the age of nineteen entered his father's store as a clerk. He at first acted as delivery boy but is now a member of the firm. Mrs. Tucker died in Boone, September 28, 1908, her death causing sincere regret among her many friends. Mr. Tucker is highly respected and esteemed by all who know him and stands high as a citizen of Boone county.

DAVID H. LATHAM.

David H. Latham is a farmer living near the southern line of Boone, in Des Moines township, where he owns a tract of ten acres. He was born in that township, April 29, 1855, his parents being Labron and Mary (Parker) Latham. The father's birth occurred in the state of Indiana in 1824 and he there spent his boyhood. He acquired a common-school education and when a young man moved with his parents to Iowa. Throughout his entire life he followed the occupation of farming and became a well known figure in agricultural circles in Boone county. Following his demise his widow became the wife of Michael Myers and died in Boone county in 1892 at the age of fifty-eight years. Both Mr. and Mrs. Labron Latham were members of the Methodist Episcopal church and his political endorsement was given to the republican party. In the family were three children. John W., who married Miss Sarah Doty, was a business man of Omaha, in which city he passed away. David is the second. Alice M. is now Mrs. Thornton of Los Angeles, California. By the mother's second marriage there were two children: Charles R., now living in Seattle, Washington; and Belle, the wife of C. A. Ingersoll, of Boone.

Reared under the parental roof, David H. Latham pursued his education in the public schools of Boone, his first teacher being a Miss Wood, while his last teacher was John M. Reynolds. He left school at the age of seventeen years and the lessons which he has since learned are those which we master in the school of experience. He started out in life as a farm hand, working on the home farm and for others. On the 25th of September, 1878, he was united in



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marriage to Miss Mary F. Wayne, who was born in Des Moines township, Boone county, June 11, 1858. She, too, was educated in the public schools, her first teacher being Henry Lucas and her last teacher Professor Charles Tucker. Mrs. Latham is a daughter of John M. and Caroline (Hull) Wayne and her maternal grandfather was James Hull of Worth township.

At the time of their marriage Mr. and Mrs. Latham began their domestic life in Des Moines township, where they have since lived. His present farm was left him by his mother, his father having preempted forty acres of land in 1854, of which this is a part. Mr. Latham erected his present place of residence in 1894 in what was then a meadow. He has made many improvements and today has a most commodious, comfortable and attractive residence in the midst of pleasant surroundings. Here he has reared his family of four children. Grace Blanch, the eldest, is now in Des Moines. Lulu May is the wife of W. H. Morrison, of Boone. Orville Ray, superintendent of schools at Pomeroy, pursued his education in the public schools of Boone and in the University of Iowa. He was graduated when twenty-one years of age and the same year began teaching at Coggon, Iowa, where he remained for a year. He next went to Pomeroy as principal. He was married June 5, 1913, to Miss Helen Fern Walter, of Iowa City. Esther Fay, the youngest member of the family, was graduated in June, 1913, from the Boone high school and for a time taught in the Fourth ward school of this city.

Mr. Latham was reared in the faith of the Methodist Episcopal church. His political belief is that of the republican party and he regards it the duty, as well as the privilege of the American citizen to exercise his right of franchise. His popularity among his fellowmen has its root in the fact that he is always considerate of the opinions of others, is always straightforward and reliable in business and loyal in friendship.

SEBASTIAN MACKEY.

Sebastian Mackey, deceased, was for many years prominently identified with the agricultural interests of Boone county and at his death the community realized that it had lost a valued and useful citizen. He was born in Pickaway county, Ohio, in November, 1827, and in 1845 accompanied his parents on their removal to Piatt county, Illinois, where he grew to manhood upon a farm. His parents, Joseph and Catherine (Cole) Mackey, made their home in that state until called from this life. His father was a native of New Jersey, and the family was of Irish and Dutch lineage. Mr. Mackey had two sisters, one of whom still resides in Mansfield, Illinois, at an advanced age.

While still a resident of Piatt county, Illinois, Mr. Mackey was married, September 11, 1853, to Miss Susan Kerr, who was born in Franklin county, Ohio, in 1832, her parents being John A. and Mary Polly (Peterson) Kerr, who were originally from Pennsylvania and of Dutch descent. They removed to Piatt county in 1838 and there Mrs. Mackey passed her girlhood. She has one sister living, Mrs. Carrie Adams, who is ten years her junior and is a resident of Crawford, Nebraska. The children born to Mr. and Mrs. Mackey are as follows:

Marcellus, who was an extensive cattleman of Frontier county, Nebraska, died in the fall of 1913, leaving a widow and four sons and one daughter, who are all grown. Lenora, the next of the family, is the wife of Andrew C. Johnson, a farmer of Harrison township, and they have three daughters. Martha is the wife of August Stoll, a farmer living near Ontario, Story county, Iowa, and they have seven daughters. Sebastian, Jr., a carpenter and contractor, is married and has two sons: Edgar, who owns and operates land in both Dodge and Des Moines townships, is married and has one daughter, but his wife is now deceased. John, who lives near the old homestead in Harrison township, is married and has two sons and one daughter. George, also a farmer of Harrison township, is married and has two sons.

Coming to Boone county in 1854, Mr. Mackey purchased a farm in Jackson township and a year later brought his family to this locality. In 1856, however, he removed to section 22, Harrison township, where he made his home until his death on the 8th of June, 1911. In his farming operations he met with most excellent success and became the owner of four hundred and eighty acres of very valuable and well improved land. In connection with farming he carried on his stock business, probably handling more stock than any other man in the county. He bought, raised and fed for the market large herds of cattle. He was one of the most prominent men of his community and Mackey's Grove, now known as Mackey, was named in his honor. On first coming to this locality he built a house from lumber hauled from the sawmill at Milford on the Des Moines river, and he was actively identified with the early development and improvement of this locality. His political support was given the democratic party, and he served as trustee and in various township offices. He was an honored member of the Masonic fraternity and was a man whom to know was to honor.

JOHN MACKEY.

John Mackey, who is today successfully operating his fine farm of one hundred and sixty acres on section 22, Harrison township, together with the home property of one hundred and sixty acres, was born on the old homestead, November 20, 1867, and is a son of Sebastian Mackey, of whom mention is made on another page of this volume. Reared upon the old homestead, he early became familiar with all the duties that fall to the lot of the agriculturist and is today regarded as one of the leading farmers of his community. His literary education was obtained in the public schools and since laying aside his text-books he has given his entire time and attention to general farming and stock-raising and is today operating three hundred and twenty acres, including the farm on which he was reared.

Mr. Mackey was married in 1893 to Miss Aggie Marsden, a native of Pennsylvania and a daughter of John and Margaret Marsden, who now make their home at Gilbert Station, Story county, Iowa. For many years, however, her father owned and cultivated land in Boone county. He has now reached the advanced age of ninety years, while his wife is eighty-two years of age. Mr. and Mrs. Mackey have three children, namely, James H., Maggie C. and Clark I.

Since attaining his majority Mr. Mackey has affiliated with the republican party and takes quite an active and commendable interest in public affairs. Fraternally he is a member of the Modern Woodmen of America and is a man honored and esteemed by all who know him.

GEORGE MACKEY.

George Mackey, a brother of John Mackey, follows farming on section 3, Harrison township, where he owns a well cultivated and highly improved place of one hundred fifty-one and a half acres. He was born in this county July 19, 1873, and received a good common-school education. On the 3d of January, 1900, he married Miss Jennie Kennedy, a daughter of William James and Ellen (Manion) Kennedy, now residing at Grand Junction, Iowa. The children born of this union are Glen Roosevelt and Samuel Kerr, both attending school.

Since 1907 Mr. Mackey has resided upon his present place and to its cultivation and improvement has devoted his undivided attention. In politics he is a progressive republican, and he has most ably filled the office of school director for two terms. He has never, however, given much attention to political affairs, preferring to devote his entire time to the operation of his farm, and its neat and thrifty appearance indicates to the passerby that he thoroughly understands the occupation which he follows.

ISAAC C. HARMON.

Isaac C. Harmon, who for almost sixty years has been a resident of Boone county, was born in Richland county, Ohio, October 25, 1832, and is a son of Horatio and Lucy (Clark) Harmon, who in 1818 removed from Vermont to Richland county, Ohio, where they spent the remainder of their lives. In their family were eight children, but Isaac C. is now the only one living. In the fall of 1854 he came to Iowa and after spending a short time in Polk county became a resident of Boone county in the spring of 1855. Here he commenced herding cattle for Sebastian Mackey and has since been connected with the Mackey family. He is widely and favorably known in the locality where he resides and has many warm friends in Harrison township.

JEFFERSON D. GILDEA.

Jefferson D. Gildea, who deserves mention in this volume as one of the honored soldiers of the Civil war and a representative citizen of Boone county, now makes his home on section 27, Worth township, where he has resided for the past fifty years. Here he owns a valuable and well improved farm of one hundred and twenty acres and also has another tract of forty acres on section 22 of the

same township, and forty in section 29, and he is successfully engaged in general farming and stock raising. He was born in Louisville, Kentucky, April 20, 1840, his parents being Thomas B. and Mary (Boyd) Gildea. His father was a native of England and was a young man when he emigrated to America. His paternal grandfather, Captain James Gildea, followed the sea and was commander of a vessel. He was born in Ireland and married an English lady, after which he made his home in England for some years. Coming to America, he secured a farm in Harrison county, Indiana, but he continued to follow the sea and was eventually captured by pirates and put to death. His widow afterward married John Zenor, and they located on the farm in Harrison county, Indiana, continuing to make their home there throughout the remainder of their lives.

James Gildea, a son by the first marriage, and the uncle of our subject, came to Boone county, Iowa, in the early '50s and secured the land in Worth township now occupied by Jefferson D. Gildea. The uncle remained here until his death, an honored and highly esteemed citizen of the community. Prior to coming to this state he had been engaged in the mercantile business in Bowling Green, Indiana, in partnership with Robert Wingate, who also came to Boone and at one time owned the site of the northwestern part of that city, it being still known as Wingate's addition.

Thomas B. Gildea, father of our subject, accompanied the family on their emigration to America and after living in Indiana for some years came to Boone county, Iowa, locating in section 22, Worth township, where he secured one hundred and twenty acres of land. He later bought eighty acres on section 29 and continued to make his home here until he passed away at the age of about seventy-three years. At the age of sixteen years he became connected with the boating business on the Ohio river and eventually became captain of a vessel which he owned. He continued to follow the river until his removal to Iowa, when he turned his attention to farming in Boone county. In Indiana he was a member of the United Brethren church, but here joined the Methodist Episcopal church. He was also identified with the Independent Order of Odd Fellows and served as trustee of Worth township for many years. His wife, who also held membership in the Methodist Episcopal church, was a native of Ohio and survived him for twelve years. They had five children, of whom three died in infancy, those now surviving being Jefferson D., of this review; and Susan, the wife of Jacob Hoffman, of Boone. The father was twice married, his first wife being Susan Lloyd, by whom he had one son, Thomas J., the father of John T. Gildea, whose sketch appears elsewhere in this volume.

Jefferson D. Gildea was in his fourteenth year when the family came to Boone county, Iowa. He attended the subscription schools during the winter months, while throughout the summer he aided in the work of the home farm until his marriage. He then built a house upon that farm, but eventually became the owner of the home of his uncle, as previously stated. He has followed farming with marked success and has devoted considerable attention to stock raising.

Mr. Gildea was married May 3, 1863, to Miss Sarah Doran, who died on the 20th of May, 1906, at the age of fifty-nine years. She was born in Ohio, but in the early '50s was brought to this county by her parents, George and Lydia Doran. She has three sisters living, namely: Mrs. George Millard and Mrs. William R. Dyer, of Boone; and Mrs. George Bennett, of Oregon. She also had a half

brother, Andrew Doran, who now resides on the western coast. Of the eight children born to Mr. and Mrs. Gildea, seven are living, while Charles, died at the age of nineteen years. Teresa became the wife of Nathan Burlingame, formerly a railroad engineer who is now engaged in farming in Worth township, and they have one child, Merrill. Carrie is the wife of J. E. Hoffman, a farmer, and they have six children: Mabel, the wife of Charles Elliott of Boone; Clarence, operating our subject's farm; Mrs. Iva Yeager, of Colfax township; Iona and Ross, at home; and Mrs. Daisy Killion, of Worth township. Mary, the third daughter of our subject, is the wife of Tyler Hoffman of Luther, who carries on business as a liveryman and farmer. They have four children, Archie C., William C., Opal and Harold. Anna and Rosa are both at home. Charles was the next in order of birth. Ella is the wife of Philip Hoffman, a farmer living in Clear Lake, Iowa. John H. is engaged in farming on section 22, Worth township. He married Daisy Boone, daughter of Virgil Boone, and they have one son, Harry, aged nine years.

During the dark days of the Civil war Mr. Gildea felt that his country needed his services and in October, 1861, he enlisted in Company D, Sixteenth Iowa Volunteer Infantry and was mustered in the following December. He served under General Sherman for nine months and was then discharged on account of disability and returned home. His discharge papers were lost, however, and owing to that fact he was afterward drafted (a most peculiar and unusual circumstance) and then became a member of Company D, Thirteenth Iowa Volunteer Infantry. At Goldsboro, North Carolina, he met his old regiment and went with them to Washington, D. C., where he participated in the grand review at the close of the war. He is today an honored member of the Grand Army of the Republic post at Madrid, Iowa. By his ballot he supports the men and measures of the republican party and he is an earnest member of the Methodist church, to which his wife also belonged.

LEONARD E. JOHNSON.

Leonard E. Johnson is successfully engaged in the elevator business in Madrid and also handles Iowa and Illinois hard and soft coal. He was born in Sweden, September 16, 1864, and was brought to America by his parents, C. E. and Louisa (Bergreen) Johnson, in 1865, the family at first locating in Illinois, where they remained for six months. They then removed to Des Moines, Iowa, where they made their home for a similar length of time. At the end of that period they came to Swede point, Boone county, and settled in Douglas township in 1866, where they remained until 1876, when the father purchased land in Garden township, where he successfully followed agricultural pursuits until 1893. The parents were both born in Sweden, the father July 20, 1829, and the mother January 5, 1827. The father died in Madrid, November 28, 1902, after a long and successful career in this country. There his widow is still residing. Of their four sons two are living: Albert W., residing in Omaha, Nebraska; and Leonard E., of this review. Carl H. and Edward T. both died in infancy. The three elder children were born in Sweden, but Edward T. was a native of Boone county.

They attended the earlier schools of the county, receiving most of their education in the Elk Rapids school.

Leonard E. Johnson followed agricultural pursuits in early life. With the exception of about three years, which he spent in the Dakotas, he has been a continuous resident of Boone county. Upon his return to this state he followed various trades, being employed for five years in an implement store in Madrid. From 1900 to 1912 he was connected with the elevator in that city and in 1912 he purchased the property in partnership with Carl Lundahl and is at present successfully engaged in the elevator business. They buy and sell grain and also deal in Iowa and Illinois coal and woods. Mr. Johnson has proved himself a most able business man and has been successful because he is up-to-date in his methods and always treats his customers with the greatest fairness and liberality. He has gained the confidence of all who have had business connections with him and his name stands high in commercial and financial circles.

In 1894 Leonard E. Johnson married Miss Amanda C. Lundahl, who was born in Douglas township, February 10, 1878. There she attended school and grew to womanhood. Both her parents, Andrew and Johanna Lundahl, passed away in Boone county. They were natives of Sweden and came to America in 1865, locating on a Douglas township farm. They were among the pioneer settlers and the family was one of the most highly esteemed in the township. The father was most successful in his agricultural work and was considered a leader in instituting modern methods and trying out new lines in farming. Mr. and Mrs. Lundahl had six children, as follows: Mrs. Weiser, now deceased; John C., residing in Madrid; Fredrick, deceased; Frank, who resides in Canada; Victor, of Garden township; and Mr. Leonard E. Johnson. Mrs. Johnson was born in Boone county but her brothers and sisters were natives of Sweden.

Mr. Johnson gives his allegiance to the republican party. He was clerk of Douglas township from April 15, 1907, until he resigned the office in January, 1914, and discharged his duties to the great satisfaction of all concerned. Both Mr. and Mrs. Johnson are members of St. John's Swedish Lutheran church of Madrid, of which the former has been deacon for many years. He is one of the substantial citizens of Madrid and enjoys the high esteem and respect of the community.

WILLIAM R. MATT.

William R. Matt, a prominent real-estate dealer of Boone, was born in Colonsburg, Ohio, on the 24th of March, 1881, a son of Francis Matt and Mary Matt. His early boyhood was passed in his native state, but when he was eight years of age his parents brought him to Wisconsin, locating near Ford do La. The country was then unsettled and the father located on new land. William R. Matt attended school until fifteen or sixteen years of age, enjoying the usual educational opportunities of the west-end region. The family then moved to Boone county, settling here in the town of Madrid. Settlement was made on a farm in Jackson township, where the father purchased a half section. He has since added to it and he holds about thirty-five hundred and forty acres of fertile land.

The home farm was wild land, and our subject helped to break the ground and to care for the crops when the soil had been prepared for planting and cultivation. This region then abounded in game and our subject spent much of his spare time hunting prairie chickens, deer and wolves. He remained at home until he was twenty-two years of age and then purchased one hundred and twenty acres of land near Story City, Iowa. His newly acquired farm was unbroken land, but he was undaunted by this and began its improvement immediately. He built a small shanty, which remained his home for some time. He did all of the work of the farm and also the work of the house himself, and so efficient was he that prosperity came to him. He retained ownership of the farm for eleven years, during which period his marriage occurred. He returned to Boone in 1888 and here engaged in butchering. He was later for a time in the implement business and subsequently conducted a livery and feed concern and coal and wood yard. Previous to this he had been appointed policeman by Mayor P. Wells, serving for a year and a half. For the past twenty-six years he has been connected with the city fire department, being one of the oldest volunteer members thereof in point of length of service.

Mr. Matt was married in 1882 to Miss Christine Hansen, a native of Denmark, who was brought to the United States by her parents when she was eight years of age. Six children have been born to the union of Mr. and Mrs. Matt as follows: Emma, a graduate of a parochial school, formerly a teacher in Boone and Hampton, for two years principal in Hampton and now a teacher in the high school of the Sisters of Charity at Lincoln; Jennie, who was a teacher in the Boone county schools, but is now a Sister of Charity in Chicago; Alice, a graduate of Sacred Heart school and for some time a stenographer in Boone, who married Paul Kelley, a conductor of the Northwestern Railroad; Mary, educated in a local school conducted by the sisters, and now a stenographer employed by Means Brothers of Boone; Katharine, for a number of years a teacher in Boone county; and William, at school. Mr. Matt is a member of the Sacred Heart church and belongs to the Knights of Columbus. He is a democrat, staunchly upholding the principles of that party and invariably giving it his support at the polls. He has proven himself thoroughly reliable, whether in the city's service as a part of her defense against the ravages of fire, or in the capacity of a man of business, or as a private citizen, and as his fitting reward he enjoys the confidence and respect of all who know him.

FRANCIS SILAS MATT.

The late Francis Silas Matt is still well remembered by the old-time residents of Boone, in which city he passed away in 1888 and of which he became a resident in 1868. He was born in Baden, Germany, in 1804 and early learned the shoemaker's trade, which he followed in the army for sixteen years, being a company shoemaker. He was married in Germany in 1845 and in 1846 set sail for the United States in order to profit by the opportunities which he expected to find in this country. He was not disappointed. He landed in New York, the sailing vessel on which he had made the trip being forty days in crossing the ocean,

having encountered a heavy storm. The family located at first in Buffalo, New York, and there he followed his trade for two years, then went to Hanover township, Columbiana county, where he conducted a shop and made shoes for the farming people and also for the men who worked on the canal. In 1864 Mr. Matt continued on his westward course, going to Fond du Lac county, Wisconsin, where he joined the father of his wife. On March 12, 1868, he came to Boone and bought a farm comprising half a section of land, and there he lived until 1888. He was a devout member of the Catholic church and was eighty-four years of age at the time of his death.

His wife, who was also born in Germany and whose birthday was April 15, 1824, was a daughter of Robert Denz, a German hotel keeper in the fatherland, who emigrated to America, his wife and family following him after he had been in this country one year, arriving here in 1846. He was a squire and road inspector while in the fatherland besides having been successfully engaged in hotel work. Both he and his wife died in Wisconsin. Mrs. Matt in the acquirement of her education attended a French school, as did her brothers and sisters. In her parents' family were the following children: Sylvester, who died in Alton, Illinois; Mrs. Mary Matt; Adolph, who was a prominent resident of Alton, Illinois; Bertha, who died in Cherokee, Iowa; Lizzie, deceased, of Fond du Lac; and Robert, who still resides on the home farm in Wisconsin. Mr. and Mrs. Matt had the following children: Fred Arnold, a soldier of the Civil war, who died in Boone, leaving a widow who now resides in that city; George, of Knox county, Nebraska, who is married; Joseph, of Sacramento, California; Frank of Chicago, Illinois; William R., who married Christine Hansen and who is mentioned elsewhere in this work; Charles, deceased; James, at home; and Mary, who is Mrs. John Hughberger, residing in California.

Both Mr. and Mrs. Matt were respected and esteemed residents of Boone, the former participating in many of the movements which were inaugurated in order to advance the interests of the city. Although he passed away twenty-five years ago, his memory still lingers with those who knew him and who knew of him nothing but good. He was kind, obliging, approachable and courteous and wherever he resided won the friendship of all those who came within the circle of his acquaintance.

CARL FRITZ HENNING.

Carl Fritz Henning is now engaged in the bakery, grocery and delicatessen business at No. 1004 Story street, Boone, enjoying a large and profitable trade. He is one of the old and respected citizens of this city, where he has resided since 1865. He was born in Ahrensbock, Germany, and was brought to America when but seven weeks old. His birth occurred March 14, 1865, his parents being Henry Rudolph and Anna Catherina Dorothea (Meins) Henning, the former born in Borghorst, Germany, October 13, 1837. The father attended school in his native land until fourteen years of age and then learned the baker's trade. Emigrating to the United States with his wife and family in 1865, he made the journey by sailing vessel from Hamburg to New York and from the latter place



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came directly to Davenport, Iowa. At that time one had to pay a toll in order to cross the bridge over the Mississippi river and as their money was exhausted a difficulty confronted the family, from which they were saved by a kind old lady, who paid their fee so that they could cross. After a three months' stay in Davenport the family came to Boone, where the father opened a bakery of his own. He had first tried to find employment in the mines but failed. He walked to Davenport to seek work, but, being unsuccessful, returned to Boone, where he began business as a baker, arching over his first brick and clay oven with saplings which he cut. His bakery was located on what is now Keeler street and he was confronted with many difficulties before he could launch his business. He had no money and at the store of Mr. Udall tried to obtain flour on credit but was refused. A gentleman, however, went his security for five sacks upon hearing his story. The returning soldiers bought his bread and Mr. Henning was able to pay Mr. Udell for the flour the very next day. Succeeding in business, he enlarged his plant as his means permitted and subsequently bought property on Eighth street, next to where the Virginia Theater is now located, thereon erecting his shop. The soldiers used to entrain there for their destination and Mr. Henning would provide them with pies and coffee which his wife would sell to them on the trains. Mr. Henning died August 17, 1900, and was buried in Boone. He was a member of the German Lutheran church, of which he was one of the founders with the Hermans and Goeppingers. He gave his allegiance to the democratic party and was staunch in his support of that organization. His wife, also a devout Lutheran, died at the age of seventy-six years, in September, 1913. In their family were seven children, five of whom passed away when quite young, while Henry William Adolph, who was born May 11, 1870, died in May, 1900.

Carl Fritz Henning attended German schools of Boone from his fifth year, subsequently entering the English public schools, where he continued his education for two years, passing into the higher grades. The school of which he was a pupil was standing on the site of the present city hall and at that time the principal was Charles Tucker, who now conducts a grocery store on the opposite side of the street from where Mr. Henning's establishment is located. After he laid aside his text-books, Mr. Henning became an employe in the dry-goods store of William F. Wilson and subsequently worked for Mr. Hollymain, who was then at the head of the firm of Worcester & Hollymain. Mr. Henning gained much valuable knowledge and remained with this firm until his father needed him in the conduct of the grocery and bakery. He continued in his father's store until the latter retired and then accepted a position as salesman in the establishment which is now conducted under the name of the J. C. Petersen Company. He remained with this concern for a few years, when his health failed and he occupied for one and a half years the position of circulating manager for the Evening Republican. He subsequently held a position in the clothing store of Mr. Olmstead. In the fall of 1908 he was elected clerk of the courts of Boone county and re-elected in 1910, serving two terms and discharging his duties to the great satisfaction of all concerned. On December 6, 1913, he opened his present grocery and bakery at No. 1004 Story street and although the establishment has been in existence only a short time, he already enjoys a large patronage. Mr. Henning is justly entitled to the success which has come to him, for he

is a thoroughly able business man and conducts his enterprise with the utmost fairness toward his customers.

On the 5th of August, 1894, Mr. Henning was married in Boone to Miss Mina Kaul, the ceremony being performed by Rev. Gunder, and to them the following children were born: Dinnie Dorothea Wilhelmina, who was born September 7, 1896, and attended the public and high schools; Marie Martha Elizabeth, born December 30, 1900, attending school; and Henry Rudolph Adolph, born May 9, 1903, also attending school. Mrs. Henning was born in Neumunster, Germany, January 27, 1873, and was educated in the schools there. She was nineteen years of age when she came with her brother Henry to the new world and located in Chicago, Illinois. Her father, Peter Kaul, is a carpenter in fine wood and still lives in Germany at the age of seventy-seven years. Her mother, who before her marriage was Anna Harris, died in Germany in 1888 at the age of fifty years, and three years later the father married Miss Anna Rathge.

Mr. Henning has always participated in the progress and development of his city, to which he has contributed in a quiet way. He is not a politician in the ordinarily accepted sense of the word but is loyal to his party and to the public interests. He has been much interested in bird life and has collected a number of specimens which are now on exhibition in the Boone library. There is much that is commendable in his career and such success as has come to him is well merited.

WILLIAM P. BURKHART.

The student of history cannot carry his investigations far into the records of this county without learning that the Burkhardt family was early established in Peoples township and it was there that William P. Burkhardt was born on the 17th of April, 1863, on the section where he now lives. His father, Paul Burkhardt, was born in Butler county, Pennsylvania, and on removing to the west cast in his lot with the early settlers of Boone county, where he followed farming until the outbreak of the Civil war. He then enlisted for service in the Second Iowa Battery, went to the front and died at Memphis, Tennessee, in 1864, while doing active duty for the Union. His wife, who bore the maiden name of Amanda McDonald, was born in Michigan and, surviving her husband, now resides in Boone, Iowa. In their family were two children: Mrs. Maria Rebecca Cunningham, who was born in Polk county, Iowa, in 1860, and is now residing in Van Meter, this state; and William P., of this review. Both were reared in Peoples township, where the Burkhardt family settled when the work of progress and development seemed scarcely begun in this part of the state.

William P. Burkhardt was reared in Peoples township and like most lads of the period pursued his education in the district schools near his home, no event of special importance occurring to vary the routine of farm and school life for him in his youthful days. Since then with the exception of a period of three years he has engaged in farming and stock-raising on his own account.

Mr. Burkhardt made arrangements for having a home of his own through his marriage in Boone county on the 29th of March, 1888, to Miss Nellie Miller, who

was born in La Grange county, Indiana, May 24, 1868, and in 1885 came to Iowa with her parents, who settled in Peoples township. Her father, David Miller, was a native of Ohio, born January 4, 1831, and he is now residing in Woodward at the advanced age of eighty-three years. His wife, who bore the maiden name of Asenath Day, was born in Ohio, December 31, 1843, but died in Woodward, January 31, 1901, a little over fifty-eight years of age. There were seven children in the Miller family, all of whom are living, as follows: Frank, who was born in September, 1862, and resides in Indiana; Mrs. Rose Taylor, born July 13, 1864, a resident of Woodward; Charles, who was born January 3, 1866, and makes his home in Texas; Mrs. Burkhart of this review; Mrs. Ida Stiles, who was born December 26, 1871, and is now residing in Runnells, Iowa; Mrs. Flora Albaugh, whose birth occurred in December, 1874, and who makes her home in Cedar Rapids; and Clyde, who was born October 18, 1884, and is a resident of Alliance, Nebraska.

The marriage of Mr. and Mrs. Burkhart has been blessed with three children. Gaylord Roy, born June 6, 1889, attended the common schools of the neighborhood and afterward entered Highland Park Business College of Des Moines. He is now residing on the old family homestead in Peoples township. Lola Fay, born December 1, 1894, attended the common schools, was for a year a pupil in the Woodward high school and is now engaged in teaching in Peoples township. William Ralph was born April 17, 1904, and is still in school. All of the children were born upon the home farm in Peoples township. This farm is a tract of one hundred and eighty acres of choice land on section 12, in addition to which Mr. Burkhart owns eight acres on section 11, of the same township, and upon this place are two sets of good buildings and other improvements, none of the accessories of the model farm of the twentieth century being lacking. Mr. Burkhart raises high grades of stock, and his farm presents a neat and thrifty appearance, indicating his careful supervision and his practical and progressive methods. He is determined and energetic, and his well formulated plans are promptly and successfully executed, so that as the years have gone by he has acquired a gratifying competence. His political allegiance is given to the republican party, but he has never sought nor desired public office. He has served, however, as school director and is interested in various projects and measures which tend to promote the welfare of the county and advance its interests in many ways.

J. P. CARREL.

J. P. Carrel, actively engaged in the produce business in Woodward since 1900, was born in Peoples township, Boone county, May 29, 1881. His father, James William Carrel, was a native of Decatur county, Iowa, born on the 8th of February, 1852, and in 1860 he was brought by his parents to Boone county, the family being among the early settlers of this part of the state. Here he was reared and educated, becoming actively identified with agricultural interests. He married Catharine Nason, who was born in New York, April 8, 1853, a daughter of John and Catharine Nason, who in 1855 left the east and made their way west-

ward to Iowa, settling in Council Bluffs, where they cast in their lot with the pioneers who were the founders and promoters of the then little city.

It was in Boone county, in 1875, that James William Carrel wedded Catharine Nason, and they became the parents of eight children, the first two being born in Cass township and the others in Peoples township, upon the family homestead which the father there established. In order of birth they are as follows: Mrs. Mary Nelson, who was born June 14, 1876, and is residing in Boone, Iowa; William Edward, who was born September 28, 1877, and is living on the old home farm in Peoples township; Everett, who was born May 17, 1879, and is now a resident of Mankato, Minnesota; J. P., of this review; Nellie, who was born May 18, 1884, and is residing with her mother in Woodward; Mrs. Grace Guthrie, who was born May 16, 1886, and is also a resident of Woodward; Grover, who was born December 19, 1888, and is living in Peoples township; and Eugene, who was born November 5, 1892, and is a resident of Woodward. The Carrel family have a well improved farm in Peoples township, which is the property of the mother. From an early day the family has been widely and favorably known in this section of the state. They stand for all that is progressive not only along agricultural lines, but in those fields of activity which promote culture, intellectual, esthetic and moral progress.

Spending his boyhood days under the parental roof, J. P. Carrel attended the public schools near the old home and through the summer months aided in the work of the fields. After his text-books were put aside he concentrated his energies upon farming and stock-raising, in which he engaged until the fall of 1907, when at the age of twenty-six years he removed to Woodward, where he conducted a draying business for two years. In 1909 he turned his attention to the produce business and is now extensively engaged in handling general produce, including butter, eggs, cream, poultry, etc. He has built up a good business at Woodward, his establishment furnishing an excellent market for the producers of his section of the county, and his trade is now extensive.

In his native county, on the 4th of February, 1903, Mr. Carrel was united in marriage to Miss Mary Vickroy, who was born in Dallas county, Iowa, February 11, 1882, and was reared to womanhood in this community. She attended the common schools while spending her girlhood days in the home of her parents, Charles and Elizabeth (Walters) Vickroy, both of whom were natives of Woodward. In their family were the following named: Joseph, now a resident of Peoples township; Edward, living in Montana; Mrs. Kate Barger, of Kansas City, Missouri; Mrs. Carrel of this review; Mrs. Lottie Shannon, of Woodward; and George, who also makes his home in Woodward.

Unto Mr. and Mrs. Carrel has been born a daughter, Kathryn Eloise, whose natal day was November 13, 1904, and who is now a pupil in the public schools of Woodward. In his political views Mr. Carrel is a democrat, earnest in his support of the party yet not an office seeker. His wife is a member of the Methodist Episcopal church, and he belongs to Woodward Lodge, No. 460, I. O. O. F., and the Modern Woodmen Camp of Woodward, while both he and his wife are connected with the ladies auxiliary of the latter, known as the Royal Neighbors. From pioneer times the Carrel family has been represented in this section of the state, following the arrival of the grandfather, Philip Carrel, in Boone county, and since that time representatives of the name have taken an active and helpful

part in the work of progress and improvement. They have always cooperated in measures and movements that have been features in advancing the welfare of the community along many lines, and the name of Carrel is now a synonym for progressive and honorable citizenship throughout Boone county.

JOHN J. CALLAHAN.

John J. Callahan has held for several years a position of trust with the Woodward Creamery Company of Woodward, Iowa, and is also engaged in buying and selling real estate. He, moreover, has improved several lots and also owns a valuable farm of one hundred and sixty acres in Winnebago county, it being under high cultivation and improved with substantial buildings.

Mr. Callahan was born in Morgan county, Illinois, August 1, 1864, and when but five weeks of age removed with his family to Missouri. His parents were Edward and Jane (Woodrow) Callahan, the former born in Scotland. The father was a coal miner and engaged in that work in Missouri until 1867, when the family came to Boonesboro, Boone county, Iowa, in the same year in which the Northwestern railroad was completed to Boone, and have been residents of this locality ever since. They removed to where the present Boone viaduct is now located, and in 1869 we find the family settled in Peoples township, the parents being numbered among the most highly respected residents of the neighborhood. The parents both died in that township, the mother passing away January 5, 1911. To them were born six children, as follows: Mrs. Belle Ottaway, residing in Kiowa county, Kansas; John J., of this review; Mrs. Jean Lemaster, of Peoples township; Edward W., residing in Woodward; and Allen and May, both deceased. The three youngest were born in Peoples township and all were reared there and attended the common schools.

John J. Callahan had limited educational opportunities, his parents being in stringent circumstances. He early turned his attention to farm work and stock-raising, being employed by others at the beginning of his business career. His first earnings for half a month's work totaled six dollars and twenty-five cents and Mr. Callahan relates how he secured the greatest benefit from that sum by dividing it with those at home. He was happy in being able to send something to his parents and the kindness of heart which prompted that act has ever since remained his heritage. From 1893 until 1902 he followed farming in Peoples township, also giving considerable attention to stock-raising. He then spent five years on a farm in North Dakota and the next three years engaged in mining in western Idaho. He has traveled extensively and on three occasions has made the trip to the Pacific coast. He also has traversed this country from Canada to the gulf. Mr. Callahan is now numbered among the substantial residents of Woodward and there is none who grudges him his prosperity, for it has been won entirely by his own efforts.

On March 1, 1893, Mr. Callahan was married in Woodward, Iowa, to Miss Minnie E. Wade, who was born in Peoples township, July 14, 1866. Her father, Washington Wade, was one of the pioneers of Cass township (now Peoples township), of whom extended mention is made in connection with the sketch of A. B.

Wade. Mr. and Mrs. Callahan have one daughter, Winifred Imogene, who was born on the old Callahan homestead in Peoples township, June 27, 1896, and is now attending the Woodward high school.

Since 1911 the family have been residents of Woodward, having returned from Idaho in that year, and Mr. Callahan now holds a position with the Woodward Creamery Company. He also deals in real estate and has negotiated some profitable deals. He derives a gratifying addition to his income from one hundred and sixty acres of land which he owns in Winnebago county. The family reside in a handsome home in Woodward and have many friends in that city. Politically Mr. Callahan is a democrat and fraternally a member of Woodward Lodge, No. 460, I. O. O. F. He is a useful citizen, a true and faithful friend, a reliable business man and a patriotic American and has made a record which reflects honor upon him.

CAPTAIN MARION BROOKS.

Not only is Captain Marion Brooks one of the most prosperous landowners of Peoples township, Boone county, but he has participated in the public life of his district, having represented Boone county in the state legislature. Moreover, he has to his credit a military record which reflects great honor upon him. He was born in Whiteside county, Illinois, February 8, 1842, and is a son of Alphonso and Eliza Brooks, natives of New York, both of whom passed away in Peoples township, the former having attained the age of sixty years. In their family were five children, as follows: Franklin, of Whiteside county, Illinois; Mrs. Alice Shulters, of Boone, Iowa; Marion, of this review; Mrs. Elma Parks, of Boone county; and Harriet, who died at the age of eight years. All were born in Whiteside county, Illinois.

There Captain Brooks grew to manhood, attending the common schools and subsequently following farming. He enlisted in the Union army at Spring Hill, Illinois, September 20, 1861. As the Illinois regiments were complete at that time the members of his company were placed under the command of James Lane and were sent to Fort Leavenworth, Kansas. Lane was securing men for an expedition to New Mexico and there were about fifteen hundred in his band. They proceeded as far as Fort Riley, where they were disbanded, Captain Brooks' company returning to Fort Leavenworth. Colonel Martin of that place was then organizing the Eighth Kansas Regiment, and the company joined it. This regiment was part of the Army of the Cumberland and also of the Central Army and was at different times under the commands of Generals Sherman, Grant and Thomas. Captain Brooks was present at the battles of Corinth and Chickamauga and in eastern Tennessee, participated in the fighting at Strawberry Plain and Knoxville. His term of enlistment having expired, he again joined the army and saw active service at Kenesaw Mountain and Atlanta. After the battles around Atlanta, he was sent to Nashville under the command of General Stanley. His company was then ordered to San Antonio, Texas, where the Captain was honorably discharged in February, 1866. He commanded his company from the

first, although he did not receive his commission until after he had served about five months.

After the war he returned to the pursuits of private life in Illinois but came overland to Boone county March 7, 1867, and settled on section 16, Peoples township, acquiring land which he developed into a richly bearing farm. He has ever since given his attention to general agricultural pursuits and stock-raising and has been one of the most successful auctioneers of his part of the state. He now owns five hundred acres of choice land, upon which four sets of buildings are found. Such success as has come to him is well merited, for he has attained prosperity entirely through his own efforts.

On March 23, 1864, in Whiteside county, Illinois, Captain Brooks married Miss Louisa Matson, who was born in Illinois, January 4, 1844, and attended the schools in that state, where she grew to womanhood. Her parents died while she was yet quite young. Captain and Mrs. Brooks became the parents of five children, as follows: Mrs. Grant, of Rolfe, Iowa; C. W., of Wilton, North Dakota; Mrs. Myrtle McFarland, of Peoples township; Bradford M., also of that township; and Mrs. Loretta River, deceased. All were born and reared in Peoples township.

The Captain has always been a staunch adherent of the republican party, thoroughly believing in its principles and ideals and loyally supporting its candidates. He served as state representative of Boone county in the twenty-fourth and twenty-fifth general assemblies, ably taking care of the interests of his constituents and participating in important legislation which affected not only his district but the whole state. He has also held several minor offices in Peoples township. Mrs. Brooks is a member of the Baptist church, while her husband is connected with the Masons, being enrolled among the members of Peaceful Lodge, No. 454, A. F. & A. M., of Woodward. The Captain is one of the most highly respected and esteemed residents of his community and has many friends, all of whom speak most highly in regard to his achievements and those qualities of his character which have made possible his success.

WILLIAM H. RAYBOURN.

William H. Raybourn early became identified with the development and prosperity of Boone county and was for many years regarded as one of the leading farmers of Cass township, but is now practically living retired in Woodward. He was born in Kentucky on the 17th of October, 1837, and is a son of John and Mary (Mathias) Raybourn, also natives of that state. In 1838 the family removed to Indiana and settled in Marion county, where they made their home until 1852, which year witnessed their arrival in Iowa. The journey was made across the country by wagon and they settled in Albia, Monroe county, where the father died in 1853. Shortly afterward, in the same year, the mother and children removed to Polk county, this state, and she purchased a tract of forty acres near Madrid, which our subject cultivated for some time. In 1857 they came to Boone county, and here he secured a quarter section of land on section 6, Cass township. At that time the majority of the settlers were living along the Des Moines river

and conditions in this locality were still very primitive. In connection with general farming Mr. Raybourn of this review gave considerable attention to the raising of stock, and as time passed he prospered in his undertakings and became one of the well-to-do men of his community. After his children were grown he sold his farm and purchased a home in Madrid, where he resided for three years, and at the end of that time disposed of his property there and removed to Woodward. Here he has a nice residence, well furnished, and is surrounded by all the comforts of life.

Mr. Raybourn's mother died in Indiana and of the ten children in the family only two now survive. Eight were born in Kentucky and two in Indiana. In order of birth they were as follows: Mrs. Elizabeth Stoops, David, Mrs. Mary Ann Bevans, Theodore, Mrs. Catharine Jennings, Mrs. Melinda Watt and Mrs. Amanda Wright, all deceased; William H., of this review; Mrs. Eliza Jane Brockston, deceased; and Mrs. Missouri Copeland, who resides in Illinois.

William H. Raybourn was married in Polk county, Iowa, in 1857, to Miss Lydia M. Harvey, a native of Indiana, who died in Woodward in 1909. Her parents were Henderson and Sarah (Rinker) Harvey, who died in Marcy township, this county. Her father was a native of Scotland. Mr. and Mrs. Raybourn became parents of five children, namely: Francis M., now a resident of Colorado; Mrs. Sarah Isabelle Adams, of Pilot Mount, Iowa; and Harvey H., Joseph and Charles, all three of California.

Mr. Raybourn is an earnest and consistent member of the Christian church, to which his wife also belonged. His political support is given the republican party, and he served as road supervisor in Cass township, but has never taken a very active part in public affairs, preferring to give his undivided attention to his business interests. He is an upright, reliable business man and in every relation of life has been found true to any trust reposed in him.

ARCH OVIATT.

Arch Oviatt carries on agricultural pursuits on section 7, Cass township, where he owns a good farm of three hundred and twenty-four acres. Its neat and thrifty appearance plainly indicates that he thoroughly understands the occupation which he follows and is a man of good business and executive ability.

Mr. Oviatt was born in Cass township, December 23, 1867, and is a son of Andrew and Eunice (Williams) Oviatt. The father, who was a native of Massachusetts, came to this county in 1856 and established a home, having made preparations for his family to join him here in 1858. His wife and two eldest sons started for Iowa but on the way westward the eldest son, Coral, and our subject's paternal grandmother, who was also in the party, died. The father passed away on the old home farm in Cass township in September, 1893, and the mother, whose birth occurred in Painesville, Ohio, died here in 1902. Of their nine children six are still living and in order of birth they are as follows: Coral, who died as previously stated; Horace A., who was born September 30, 1858, and now lives in Madrid, Iowa; Mrs. Henrietta Marsh, a resident of Chicago, Illinois; Mrs. Eva Graves, of Cass township, this county; Arch, of this



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review; Caroline, who died at the age of seven years; Nettie, who died at the age of four; Martha, who makes her home in Woodward, Iowa; and Hugh, of Cass township. With the exception of the two oldest, who were born in Ohio, the children are natives of Cass township.

Here Arch Oviatt grew to manhood, in the meantime acquiring a good practical education in the common schools and gaining an excellent knowledge of farming and stock-raising while assisting his father on the farm. Since starting out in life for himself he has met with success and is now the owner of a fine place of three hundred and twenty-four acres improved with splendid buildings. He has placed his land under excellent cultivation and raises the cereals best adapted to the soil and climate. In connection with general farming, he has given considerable attention to the raising of a good grade of stock, which branch of his business has also proved profitable.

Mr. Oviatt was married in Whiteside county, Illinois, in 1896, to Miss Mary Marschand, who was born in that county, February 28, 1871, and was there reared and educated. Her parents were John and Mary (Wilger) Marschand, the former a native of France and the latter of Germany. The mother died in Illinois. Their children were: Peter, who is still a resident of that state; Maggie, deceased; Mary, now Mrs. Oviatt; and John, of Illinois. The eldest child was born in Germany but the birth of the others occurred in Illinois, in which state they were reared. Mr. and Mrs. Oviatt have three children, all born in Cass township, as follows: L. D., born September 29, 1898; E. C., January 15, 1902; and M. M., born June 24, 1906. They are still under the parental roof and are attending the common schools of the neighborhood. Mrs. Oviatt is a devout member of the Catholic church, and in politics Mr. Oviatt is independent, supporting the men whom he believes qualified to fill the offices regardless of party ties.

ADAM F. BURRELL.

Adam F. Burrell, deceased, was a representative of an old and prominent family of Boone county. His early home was in the east, for he was born in New York, April 8, 1841, a son of Alexander and Cynthia (Baker) Burrell. (An extended mention of this family is made in the sketch of Walter E. Burrell on another page of this volume.) On removing westward in 1842 the family first settled in Michigan, but a year later became residents of Illinois and in 1857 came to Boone county, Iowa.

In this county Adam F. Burrell grew to manhood and was married to Miss Mary Young, who was born in Port Byron, Illinois, March 23, 1841, and died in Peoples township, this county, July 9, 1904. After their marriage they had located upon a farm in that township and there reared their seven children, providing them with good educational advantages. In order of birth they are as follows: Walter Clark, who is now a resident of Idaho; Earl Grant, who in connection with his youngest brother cultivates a farm of one hundred and sixty acres in Cass township; Clarence Albert, a resident of Fairview, Oklahoma; Mrs. Della M. Morello, a resident of Cass township; Charles G., who

resides in Cass township and is now the nominee of the republican party for the office of county recorder of Boone county; Everett Lemley, who makes his home in Colorado; and Harvey Lester, who is in partnership with his brother Earl Grant in the operation of a farm in Cass township. They are very progressive and up-to-date farmers and have been remarkably successful in the raising of high-grade stock. The children were all given good educational advantages, attending the common schools of the district in which they lived. The father was regarded as one of the most enterprising farmers of his locality and was a man who commanded the respect and esteem of all who knew him. In politics he was a republican

A. MARION HARLOW.

A. Marion Harlow is a self-made man to whom is due great credit for what he has accomplished. Some one has said of him: "He is a splendid man, large in stature and just as broad-minded." He was born in Cass township, this county, on the 23d of September, 1863, and has always resided here with the exception of a brief period spent in Nebraska.

His father, Abner Harlow, was born in Saratoga county, New York, on June 4, 1834, and is residing on the old Harlow homestead near Woodward, Iowa. He wedded Mary E. Waldo, who was born in Madison county, Ohio, April 12, 1840, and died in Cass township, January 14, 1905. The Harlow family came to Boone county at an early day, arriving on the 26th of October, 1854, and thus for six decades Abner Harlow has resided in this part of the state. He was married in this county and reared his family in Cass township. There were ten children born unto him and his wife, nine sons and a daughter, of whom four are living. The record of the family is as follows: William Holmes, the eldest, died at the age of four and a half years. Mrs. Ella Staker died in 1906. Samuel D. died at the age of six weeks. Abner Lycurgus died in 1907. A. M. is the next younger. Orin died at the age of twenty-two years. Oscar died at the age of eighteen years. Charles D., born July 10, 1872, is residing in Des Moines, Iowa. George is a resident of St. James, Minnesota. Jacob, born June 15, 1877, is residing on the old home farm in Cass township. All were born and reared in Cass township. They were among the early settlers here, and the family has been prominent and successful. The old frame house which was the original home of the family was supplanted in 1876 by a substantial brick residence, the only brick dwelling in their part of the county.

A. M. Harlow had the usual experiences of the farm boy. He was trained to habits of industry and economy and these have constituted the basic element in his success. He was married in Nebraska December 24, 1890, to Miss Genevieve Grandell, who was born in Wisconsin and died at Henningford, Nebraska, April 30, 1893. Unto them was born a daughter, Mrs. Winnie White, whose birth occurred in a sod house in Nebraska on the 5th of May, 1892, and who is now residing in Cass township. Mr. Harlow was again married November 24, 1899, when Miss Mary Shultz became his wife. She was born in Germany, November 28, 1875, and came to America with her parents, Gottlieb and Mary

Ann (Anton) Shultz, who were also natives of Germany, the former born May 1, 1836, and the latter in 1846. Mr. Shultz died in North Dakota, January 14, 1914, and his widow is still living in that state. In the Shultz family were six children, who survive and all of whom were born in Germany, namely: Mrs. Lena Weillhus, of Illinois; Herman, who is living in North Dakota; August, a resident of Canada; Mrs. Minnie John, who makes her home in North Dakota; Mrs. Laura Lee, of Canada; and Mrs. Harlow, the wife of the subject of this review.

Mr. and Mrs. Harlow became the parents of five children, all of whom were born in Cass township and whose names follow: Ella, born June 28, 1901; Olive, born December 28, 1902; Laura, January 25, 1904; and Abner Marvin and Abbie May, twins, born July 25, 1907. Abner died at the age of one week. They were all born in the same community in which the father spent his youth and are attending the schools of the neighborhood.

In his political views Mr. Harlow is a democrat and keeps well informed on the questions and issues of the day. He and his wife are members of the Methodist Episcopal church of Woodward and are interested in its work and the adoption of its principles. He has led the life of a busy, energetic man and is now the owner of two hundred and five acres of choice land on section 28 besides ten acres of land on section 29, Cass township, whereon he has placed many modern improvements. He and his wife deserve much credit for what they have accomplished. He has won his competency entirely through his own efforts and that, too, in the face of difficulties that would discourage the average man. They are giving their children every possible advantage. Their home is pleasantly, comfortably and attractively furnished, and they surround their children with the best literature. They are broad and liberal-minded people and are public-spirited, as is manifest in their active and helpful interest in many movements for the general good. In addition to developing and cultivating his farm Mr. Harlow raises all kinds of live stock of good grades and has won success in that undertaking.

WILLIAM LEMASTER.

William Lemaster, who was born in Marion county, Indiana, November 25, 1853, is one of the well known agriculturists of Cass township, Boone county, where he owns a valuable farm. He has attained to prosperity entirely through his own efforts and much credit is due him for what he has achieved in life, for he began his career in comparatively humble circumstances. He is a son of Abram and Ann (Smock) Lemaster, the former born in Kentucky, October 13, 1818, and the latter in Mercer county, that state, May 8, 1822. The family settled on a farm in Cass township, Boone county, Iowa, May 3, 1857, having left Indiana on March 31st of that year. Here the father followed farming and stock-raising beginning under the most trying conditions which were then yet existing. Settlements were few at that time, their nearest neighbors being located at Elk Rapids, and numerous bands of Indians were yet seen. They traded in that city and Des Moines, and many were the dangers which con-

fronted them on their trips to market. Mr. and Mrs. Abram Lemaster were the parents of eight children: Newton, deceased; Mrs. Martha Ellen Haney, of Perry, Iowa; William, of this review; Simon, a resident of Woodward; George, of Dallas county, Iowa; Mrs. Emma Cole, of Woodward; Frank, who resides in Peoples township; and Mrs. Addie Dickinson, of Woodward. The five oldest children were born in Indiana and the others in Cass township, this county. The father died in Woodward, March 12, 1906, and the mother in the same city, July 30, 1900.

William Lemaster was but three years of age when he removed with his parents to Cass township. There he attended the common schools and subsequently devoted his attention to farming and stock-raising, always following modern and up-to-date methods. He today owns a farm of one hundred and thirteen and a fourth acres on section 18, all of the land being under high cultivation and yielding him rich annual returns. His buildings are kept in repair and the general appearance of the property gives evidence of the prosperity of its owner.

On December 13, 1877, in Marcy township, Boone county, Mr. Lemaster married Miss Mary Ann Tembey, who was born in Wisconsin, March 12, 1859. Her parents, William and Emily Tembey, both natives of England, were pioneers in Wisconsin. They subsequently removed to Boone county, where the father followed farming. He was born January 1, 1832, and now resides in Ames, Iowa, but his wife passed away in that city in 1908. In their family were nine children, of whom six are living, as follows: Henry, of North Dakota; Hattie, of Ames, Iowa; Mrs. Mary Ann Lemaster; Mrs. Eliza Mellor, of Ames; William, of Perry; and Richard, of Ames. Mr. and Mrs. Lemaster have six children, all of whom were born in Cass township excepting the oldest, who was born in Peoples township, and they attended the common schools. They are: Mrs. Luella Belle Halley, of Dallas county; W. Floyd, of Cass township; Edith, residing with her parents; R. J., of Cass township; Mrs. Emily Lincoln, also of that township; and John Harold.

Mr. Lemaster is a republican and has served as trustee of Cass township, as road supervisor and as a member of the district school board. His wife belongs to the Methodist Episcopal church, in the work of which she is deeply interested. Both have many friends and are highly respected and esteemed by all who know them as worthy and substantial people who have assisted in carrying forward the development of Cass township and Boone county.

PETER M. SAMBERG.

Peter M. Samberg, of Boone, is the oldest citizen of the county, being now in his ninety-third year. He was born in Sweden on the 7th of July, 1821. His father, Johan Tapper, became a soldier at the age of seventeen years and fought against Germany in 1812. He served in the army for thirty-two years and when not connected therewith he followed the tailor's trade. He married Katrina Johnson, also a native of Sweden, and both died in that country, the mother passing away when her son Peter was but six years of age. The family were

quite poor and when a child Peter M. Samberg would frequently beg. The father's use of intoxicants deprived the family of much of their rightful income. On one occasion when the mother was crying because there was no bread in the house, Peter M. Samberg ran to a stone in the yard, under which he had hidden the pennies that had been given him, and brought them to his mother, who purchased with them two loaves of bread, thus relieving the immediate hunger of the family. The mother left six small children at her death.

Peter M. Samberg never had the opportunity of attending school. He and a brother tramped through the country and he earned his first money—six shillings—by working at the tailor's trade. He served a three years' apprenticeship at that trade and at sixteen years of age went to work in a paper mill to learn the trade, spending three years in that way. He was employed for a year at a salary of twenty crowns and he had to get up at three o'clock in the morning and go to work. The second year his wage was advanced to thirty crowns. Though many hardships and difficulties were his through the period of his boyhood, youth and early manhood, he advanced steadily but surely and when twenty-six years of age was foreman of a farm.

When thirty years of age Mr. Samberg was married to Miss Wilhelmina Samuelson. For three years thereafter they remained in Sweden and in October, 1854, they left their native land for the United States, landing at New York, whence they made their way to Chicago and on to St. Charles, Illinois, where Mr. Samberg obtained work on a farm. Again disaster overtook him in the loss of his wife, who died in October of the same year.

Mr. Samberg continued farming for a time and afterward worked at the months he did mason work as a contractor. His home was upon a farm of one mason's trade. Later he went to Red Wing, Minnesota, where in the summer hundred and sixty acres, which he cultivated and developed for fourteen years. He then sold that property and on the 16th of October, 1869, arrived in Boone county, settling in Marcy township, where he purchased a farm of one hundred and sixty acres. His attention was given to its further development and improvement until 1872, when he went to Chicago. In the previous fall the most disastrous fire had wiped out a large portion of the city and artisan labor was in great demand. Mr. Samberg worked as a mason foreman at seven dollars per day, being an expert at his trade. In 1877 he returned to Iowa and established his home in Boone, but still owns the farm and also several properties in the town, from which he derives a gratifying annual income. Some time after his return to the county he began the manufacture of a liniment which became famous, having great healing properties, and he conducted that business for a considerable period.

Mr. Samberg is a veteran of the Civil war. His first military training was received in Sweden, for he was a soldier in the Swedish army for ten years and was well versed in the methods of warfare. His early experience made him very valuable during his connection with the Union army. In 1861 he enlisted for active duty, becoming a member of Company D, Third Minnesota Volunteer Infantry, which was assigned to the Western Army. He served first under Colonel Lester, who surrendered at Murfreesboro. After being held prisoners for forty-eight hours the members of the regiment were exchanged. Mr. Samberg fought against the Indians in Minnesota for a time in 1862. He continued

in the army until November 14, 1864, when he was honorably discharged in Arkansas and returned to his home. He twice took command of his company during the war when superior officers were disabled. It was before he went to the front that he began the manufacture of liniment and he had considerable knowledge of the remedial properties of other medicines. He frequently ministered to his wounded comrades and was offered the position of regimental surgeon, but refused to accept because he could not speak good English and believed that this would hamper him in the work.

For his second wife Mr. Samberg chose Augusta Johnson, who died in Mount Pleasant, Iowa, leaving five children, Charles, James, Wilhelmina, Nellie and Matilda. For his third wife Mr. Samberg married Carrie Samuelson, who died in Ogden, this county. On the 6th of June, 1904, he wedded Mrs. Jennie Johnson, the widow of Swan Johnson. She was born in Sweden, came to the United States at six years of age and lived with her parents in Brooklyn.

Both Mr. and Mrs. Samberg were reared in the faith of the Lutheran church and he has always been a great reader of the Bible. For sixteen years he was a member of the Methodist Episcopal church and was local preacher for a number of years. His political allegiance was given to the greenback party for a long time. He once voted the republican ticket when Lincoln was candidate for the presidency and in later years he has been a populist. His life, actuated by high and honorable principles, has made his record one over which he can look back without regret. Without any advantages in his youth, he has made good use of his time and opportunities and he is today one of the venerable citizens of Boone county, respected by all. His age, perhaps, exceeds that of any other resident of the county, and his life record covers a period of history remarkable for many achievements. For sixty years he has lived on this side the water and for forty-five years has been a resident of Boone county.

THEODORE BALDUS.

Theodore Baldus is the owner of one hundred acres of land on section 25, Harrison township, Boone county, and also four hundred acres in Story county, Iowa, located on section 36, Lafayette township. He is a native of Germany, his birth having occurred in the duchy of Nassau on the 14th of November, 1836, and his parents being Christian and Elizabeth (Schlaugter) Baldus. The mother passed away when our subject was a small boy and the father came to America in 1852, locating in Cook county, Illinois, twenty miles from Chicago. He later came to Iowa and made his home in Story county with his son Theodore. There his death occurred in 1878 when he was past eighty years of age. Six children were born to Christian and Elizabeth Baldus, but our subject is the only one now living and is the youngest of the family. Two of his brothers had preceded him and the father to America.

Theodore Baldus arrived in Story county, Iowa, in 1855, having made the trip from Illinois by wagon drawn by oxen. He had but little capital and it was necessary for him to buy his first land on time, paying forty per cent interest on the deferred payments. The purchase price was a dollar and a quarter per

acre. There was little in the undeveloped prairie region of that time to indicate that in fifty years it would be the prosperous agricultural section that it is today. Mr. Baldus' first purchase consisted of eighty acres in Lafayette township, Story county, where he now owns four hundred acres, and he made his home there until 1890, when he removed to his present place in Harrison township, Boone county. The farm was but slightly improved when it came into his possession but he has since made it one of the most highly developed agricultural properties of the county. In 1901 he built his present fine residence and in 1913 he erected a large barn. He has followed general farming and stock-raising, finding the fattening of hogs for the market especially profitable. He has a fine orchard and a grove of shade trees on his place and this greatly increases its attractiveness.

Mr. Baldus has a very creditable military record and is entitled to honor as one of the defenders of the Union in the crisis of the '60s. From 1860 to 1865 he was in the Rocky mountains, where he engaged in mining for some time, and also served in the regular army. He enlisted in the Third Colorado Cavalry and served for nine months in the Civil war toward the close of the conflict. Previously he had been detailed to protect the stages and emigrant trains crossing to the far west.

Mr. Baldus was united in marriage at Ames, Iowa, in 1867, to Miss Christina Born, a native of Illinois, of German ancestry. Her parents settled in Polk county, Iowa, at an early date in the history of this state but later removed to Ames and became the owners of a farm. East Ames has grown up on the site of their homestead. Mr. Born passed away at his old home some thirty years ago and Mrs. Born died at our subject's home in 1897, at the age of seventy-six. He was a farmer and won success in his chosen vocation. Mr. and Mrs. Baldus became the parents of ten children, of whom six are living, as follows: John, of Story county, who has eight children; Walter, who has six children; Carl, also a resident of Story county, who has five children; Leo, at home; Mrs. Peter Worth, of Story county, who has eight children; and Mrs. Frank Rickerl, of South Dakota. Our subject and his wife have twenty-five grandchildren.

Mr. and Mrs. Baldus are members of St. Peter's Catholic church of Lafayette township, Story county, and politically Mr. Baldus is an adherent of the democratic party. Although not a native of this country, he has become thoroughly imbued with its spirit and is a loyal supporter of its institutions. His sterling worth of character has won for him the respect of the community.

CHARLES M. CRANK.

Charles M. Crank is connected with business interests of Woodward, Iowa, where he conducts a jewelry store, and also handles violins, chinaware, cut glass and similar articles. As a merchant he enjoys the highest reputation and his customers are many and of the best class of citizens. He was born in Polk City, Polk county, Iowa, September 10, 1874, a son of George W. and Catherine (Kirscher) Crank, prominent residents of Madrid, who are mentioned elsewhere in this work. He attended the public schools and after coming

with his parents to Madrid on May 17, 1891, completed his education here. He subsequently learned the jeweler's trade under his father, the latter being one of the most renowned and successful men along that line in the state. On December 7, 1896, he began business for himself in Woodward, where he has continued to the present day. When he began business on his own account his sole capital consisted of two dollars and a half, but by strong determination, honesty and industry he has succeeded in building up a trade which is a credit to his efforts. He now carries one of the best selected and most complete jewelry stocks to be found in Dallas county, having also a large trade from Boone county. He does efficient work at most reasonable prices.

On March 17, 1897, in Polk City, Iowa, Mr. Crank married Miss Ada M. Richards, who was born in Des Moines, January 17, 1873. She attended the public schools there and also took a course at Simpson College, Indianola. Her father, Rollin Richards, was a soldier in the Union army during the Civil war, being a member of the Sixty-fifth Illinois Volunteer Infantry. Her mother is now residing in Polk City. Mr. and Mrs. Crank have become the parents of five children, all born in Woodward: Viva, whose birth occurred December 29, 1897; Velma, born on March 13, 1899; one who died in infancy; Julia Marie, born July 3, 1906; and Charles Dean, born October 8, 1908. The children are attending the public school in Woodward.

Mr. Crank has always given his allegiance to the republican party and from 1911 to 1913 served as mayor of Woodward, promoting a number of valuable measures which have been of great benefit to the city. He is a member of the board of education and both he and his wife belong to the Church of Christ. Fraternally he is identified with Woodward Lodge, No. 460, I. O. O. F., and the Modern Woodmen of America. The family resides in a handsome home in Woodward, where they receive their many friends, being popular in society. Mr. Crank has always interested himself in any forward movement and has often contributed to worthy enterprises. He is a self-made man and has every reason to be proud of his success.

HENRY KNIGHT.

Henry Knight owns one hundred and twenty acres of good land on the eastern part of section 21, Harrison township, and has here resided since 1910. He had previously spent twenty-nine years upon a farm on the western part of the same section. At the present writing he is not actively engaged in the work of the fields but rents his land to his son and son-in-law and lives retired in the enjoyment of a rest which he has truly earned and richly deserves. He was born in Lincolnshire, England, November 10, 1854, and when twelve weeks old was brought by his parents to the United States. He is a son of Daniel and Emma (Dimery) Knight, both of whom are now deceased. Their children were as follows: Rosina, now the wife of Ed Eckley, residing in Boone; Pauline, who married S. E. Smith, a resident of Sac county, Iowa; Ellen, the wife of J. A. Johnston, living near Stanhope; Daniel, who married Martha Ritter and makes his home near Stanhope; Henry, of this review; Bertha, the wife of Greeley



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Ritter, a resident of Boone; John, who is engaged in the real-estate business in Chamberlain, South Dakota; Seth, who married Amanda Pratt and resides in Dodge township, this county; and Viola, the wife of Ben Pollard, of Boone. On coming to the new world the parents settled first in Wisconsin, where they remained for three years, and then went to Missouri, afterward coming to Boone county, Iowa, where the family home was established.

Henry Knight of this review was then a little lad of but four years, and he has since lived in Boone county, so that he has now witnessed its growth and development for six years more than a half century. He is indebted to the public-school system for the educational privileges which he enjoyed and his home training was that of the farm, with the usual experiences that fall to the lot of the farmer lad. He never sought to change his occupation, realizing the fact that the rich soil of Iowa afforded good opportunities to the agriculturist. In time he became the owner of a farm on section 21, Harrison township, and occupied that place for almost three decades. He then removed to his present place on the same section, having here one hundred and twenty acres of rich and productive land. At the present time, however, he leaves its cultivation and management to his son and son-in-law who rent the place from him.

It was on the 14th of September, 1876, that Mr. Knight was united in marriage to Miss Lizzie Bronkar, a daughter of Louis and Mary (Gibbons) Bronkar. Mrs. Knight was born in Zanesville, Ohio. Her father died in early manhood and the mother afterward removed to Boone county, Iowa, in 1866, settling in Dodge township. Her children by her first marriage were four in number: Sarah, the wife of James Gibbons, of Boone; Mrs. Lizzie Knight; Clara, who married Lyman Sayles, a resident of Jackson, Minnesota; and Samuel Gladen, deceased. After losing her first husband Mrs. Bronkar became the wife of J. K. Tumbleson, but both are now deceased. Mr. and Mrs. Knight have a family of five children: Nellie, the wife of Ole Johnson, who follows farming in Harrison township; Millie, who married Roscoe Nelson, a resident farmer of Harrison township; Edward, who married Eldora Wheeler and is operating the home farm; Mabel, the wife of Fred Pollard; and Hazel, at home.

Mr. Knight has provided a most comfortable home for his family and his success enables him to give them not only the necessities but also some of the luxuries of life. He owns an automobile and says that he regrets he did not get one years ago. The family attend the Methodist church. Politically Mr. Knight is a democrat and for fourteen years filled the office of township trustee of Harrison township. He has also served as school director and believes in having good schools, recognizing how important wise instruction is as a preparation for the later responsibilities and duties of life.

WILLIAM M. WADE.

William M. Wade is one of the public-spirited and substantial residents of Woodward, where he is successfully engaged in the insurance business, also giving considerable time to the development of a valuable farm of three hundred and six acres which he owns in Emmet county. Great credit is due him for what

he has achieved, for all that he is and has today has been won through his own efforts.

Mr. Wade was born in Peoples township, Boone county, Iowa, April 3, 1864, a son of Washington and Lucy (Bass) Wade. The father was born in Medina county, Ohio, in 1818, and the mother in Pennsylvania in 1825. Both died in Woodward, Iowa, in 1904 and 1906 respectively. They were among the earliest pioneers of Boone county, having made their way overland in 1853 from Illinois. They located in Cass township when that section was sparsely settled. They had eleven children: J. B., of Nebraska; Mrs. Josephine Miller, deceased; Mrs. Alice Calonkey, of Woodward; Mrs. Jennie Bettis, of Denver, Colorado; Alfred B. and Albert, twins, the former a farmer of Peoples township and the latter deceased, having passed away at the age of nine months; Ella, a resident of Woodward; Mrs. Hattie Hughes, of Belle Plaine, Iowa; William M., of this review; Mrs. Minnie Callahan, of Woodward; and Albertus, also a resident of Woodward.

William M. Wade attended the common schools of Peoples township and the Woodward public schools. He then taught in the schools of the neighborhood for nine terms and later engaged in educational work in Lake View, Sac county, for some time. Subsequently he was a traveling insurance writer, but in December, 1903, became the local representative of various well known insurance companies. He also became interested in the furniture and undertaking business in Woodward in that year. He has continued his insurance agency and also gives much attention to the development of his farm in Emmet county, which is improved with a set of modern buildings.

On October 15, 1891, at Woodward, Iowa, Mr. Wade married Miss Hattie M. Smith, who was born in De Kalb county, Illinois, October 15, 1866. Her parents, O. W. and Esther J. (Stillwell) Smith, came to Boone county in 1871, locating in Cass township, but now a part of Peoples township. They were numbered among the successful people of the community. The father, who was born in Vermont in 1839, died January 17, 1881, and his widow is now residing in Spokane, Washington. In their family were five children: Mrs. Wade, the wife of our subject; A. Le Roy, born July 20, 1870, who is residing in Chehalis, Washington; Mrs. Addie Craft, born December 4, 1873, of Woodward; Floyd, who died in infancy; and Mrs. Olive Duffy, born February 28, 1881, whose husband is city clerk of Spokane. The oldest child was born in Illinois and the others in Peoples township, where all were reared. Mr. and Mrs. Wade have one son, J. Lester, who was born in Lake View, Sac county, Iowa, April 11, 1897, and is attending high school in Woodward. The family reside in a handsome and nicely appointed home in that city. Mrs. Wade is one of a class of ten women, who as girls attended the Oak Grove school in Cass township and who had a reunion at the home of Mrs. Wade in 1914, their old school-teacher, A. C. Smith, a prominent resident of Woodward, participating in the celebration. Prior to her marriage she taught school for six years.

Mr. Wade is a democrat and has always taken an interest in the success of his party, being influential in its local councils. He is at present the democratic nominee for representative from Dallas county and has an excellent chance of realizing his ambition. He has a large number of friends and admirers who are going to support him because they are convinced of his thorough honesty and

of his trustworthiness and faithfulness. Many of these are not even of his own party but belong to other political organizations. Mrs. Wade is a member of the Congregational church of Lake View, Iowa, and has always taken a deep interest in religious work. Her husband has been a member of the town council of Woodward and also has served on the board of education. Fraternally he is a member of Woodward Lodge, No. 460, I. O. O. F., and also belongs to the Knights of Pythias of that city. Such success as has come to him is well merited, for it is the outcome of his own efforts.

GEORGE W. NOLAND.

George W. Noland, who owns a valuable farm of one hundred and sixty acres in Cass township, was born in that township on section 27, August 4, 1852, and is now the oldest living native son of his township. He is a son of William and Rachel (Bennett) Noland, the father born in Pike county, Ohio, February 29, 1822, and the mother in Highland county, Ohio, March 13, 1823. They came to Iowa in 1850, the family making the trip by boat to Keokuk and thence overland to Cass township where Mr. Noland located on section 27. There he followed farming and stock-raising. He was the first justice of the peace in Cass township and performed the first marriage ceremony in that part of Boone county. In 1865 he became a member of the Thirteenth Iowa Regiment and died in the service at Newbern, North Carolina. His wife died in Cass township June 20, 1886. Their marriage took place in Ohio, September 2, 1842, and in their family were ten children: Mrs. Elizabeth Jane Dickerson, born July 2, 1843; Mary, deceased, born January 6, 1845; Albert C., who was born November 16, 1846, and who died at Huntsville, Alabama, as a member of Company D, Thirteenth Iowa Volunteer Infantry; John W., born April 25, 1848, of California; James M., born October 26, 1850, a prominent agriculturist, mayor of Woodward and president of the board of education; George W., of this review; Mrs. Margaret Ellen Newell, born January 26, 1856, of Woodward; F. S., born October 3, 1859, of Modesto, California; Joshua, born July 31, 1861, of Alberta, Canada; and Nathaniel, born July 28, 1864, of the same city.

George W. Noland attended the early schools of Cass township, including the Eversole school. He subsequently followed farming and stock-raising and has so continued to the present time. He owns a valuable farm of one hundred and sixty acres, all of which is under high cultivation. His buildings are substantial and modernly appointed, and his home is conveniently arranged and well equipped. He has been successful because he has always been industrious and energetic, carrying out the plans which he has made.

On the 2d of November, 1876, Mr. Noland was married in Cass township to Miss Sarah J. Carrel, who was born in Marcy township, May 6, 1856, and grew to womanhood in this county, of which she has always remained a resident. Her parents were John and Amanda (Lamb) Carrel, the former born near Bowling Green, Clay county, Indiana, December 4, 1833, and the latter in Ohio, November 17, 1834. His parents came to Iowa in 1842, first settling in Jefferson county, but in 1843 removed to Wapello county and in 1848 came to Boone

county, making their home in Douglas township. The father died in Madrid, Iowa, May 17, 1908, and the mother in Cass township. In their family were nine children. William, born March 29, 1853, a resident of Missouri; Mrs. Mary Kirk, born October 24, 1854, of Kansas; Sarah J., the wife of our subject; George, who was born November 17, 1858, a resident of Woodward; David, born November 26, 1860, of Missouri; Albert and Mrs. Alice Davidson, twins, born April 18, 1865, the former residing in Fort Dodge and the latter in Des Moines; Mrs. Minnie Lucas, born January 21, 1871, who died in Madrid, Iowa, June 16, 1906; and one who died in infancy. All these children were born and reared in Boone county, in Marcy, Peoples and Cass townships respectively. To Mr. and Mrs. Noland were born six children: Mrs. Della M. Swisher, whose birth occurred October 27, 1877, and who resides in Cass township; William E., born May 22, 1879, of Iowa; Scott E., born February 10, 1882, of Madrid, this state; Harry, born April 22, 1885, who died July 17, 1891; Ray W., who was born September 17, 1887, a resident of Winona, Minnesota; and Clifford C., born August 24, 1893, of Cass township.

Politically Mr. Noland is an adherent of the republican party and is true to its standards. Both he and his wife are members of the Liberty Methodist Episcopal church of Cass township. They are highly respected and esteemed, having many friends in Boone county, to the development of which both have contributed along various lines.

CONSTANTINUS POULOS.

Constantinus Poulos was born in Tripolis, Greece, on the 21st of May, 1881. His father is Athanasus Anagnostopulos, the surname having been abbreviated by our subject and his brother to Poulos. The father is a native of Tripolis and has spent his entire life there, devoting his active years to agricultural pursuits. He is still living at the advanced age of eighty-five. The mother, who was in her maidenhood Evangelia Bosilakopulos, is also a native of Tripolis and is now seventy-two years of age. She is the mother of nine children, as follows: George, of Perea, Greece; Alexander, of Boone; John, at home; Demetrius, at home; Leonidas, of Sioux City, Iowa; Theodore, of Boone; Constantinus, of this review; Vasiliki, at home; and Antonious, of Boone. The paternal grandfather of our subject was John Anagnostopulos, who lived and died on the homestead in Greece.

Constantinus Poulos spent his boyhood and youth in his native land, his education being obtained in the public schools of Tripolis and Perea, whither he went at the age of thirteen years. Two brothers, George and Demetrius, had preceded him to that city and were there engaged in the grocery business. Our subject entered their store as a clerk and attended school as well. He was thus employed for about six years, at the end of which time he set sail for the United States, landing in the new world in April, 1901. He joined his brothers Alexander and Theodore in Chicago, they being employed in the Pullman Car Works, and he also obtained employment there, remaining for ten months. He spoke no English at the time of his arrival, but applied himself diligently to the mastery

of the language and soon had quite a good command of English. He next removed to Sioux City, Iowa, where he learned candy making. His ambition from the start was to enter business on his own account, and saving his money carefully he invested the same in a candy establishment. At the end of two years, or in 1904, he came to Boone and here opened what is now known as the Boone Candy Store, later acquiring a restaurant, which he still conducts, under the name of the Little Savoy, in conjunction with his candy kitchen in Boone, another in Sioux City and four in his native land, two being located in Tripolis and two in Perea. He understands thoroughly the making of high class confectionery and his business methods are efficient and thoroughly honorable. The quality of his product and the courteous attention given customers have been leading factors in securing his success.

When the Balkan war broke out Mr. Poulos' patriotic spirit demanded that he offer his service to his country. He accordingly turned over the management of his business to his brothers and departed for the seat of war, enlisting in the Eleventh Regiment. He was on the firing line for five months and participated in many hard fought battles and skirmishes, receiving a bullet wound at the battle of Jonina. When peace was declared he returned to the United States, bringing with him his niece Stella and his sister-in-law, Mrs. Leonidas Poulos. Since then he has devoted his time to the management of his various business undertakings. He is a member of the Greek Orthodox church and is faithful to his religious belief. The fact that he has been able to overcome the difficulty of a strange language and to win prosperity in a foreign land in a comparatively few years speaks much for his ability to adapt himself to varying conditions and for his energy and business sagacity.

SIMON HOMESLEY.

Simon Homesley, who is engaged in the operation of a fine farm of eighty acres in Cass township, was born on the 12th of February, 1866, in Washington county, Arkansas, his parents being Sydney M. and Nancy (Sanders) Homesley. The father was a soldier in the Union army during the Civil war and never fully recovered from the effects of the hardships endured while in the service. He died in Arkansas in 1878, and his wife, who was born in Washington county, that state, is also deceased. In their family were five children, of whom four are still living, namely: Simon and Stephen, twins, the latter still a resident of Washington county, Arkansas; Mrs. Lulu Fitch, deceased; Mrs. Frances Thurman, a resident of Temple, Texas; and John, of Washington county, Arkansas, which was the birthplace of all the children.

Simon Homesley passed his boyhood and youth in much the usual manner of farm boys, early becoming familiar with agricultural pursuits and pursuing his studies in the common schools. Throughout his active business life he has followed farming and stock-raising and on coming to Boone county, Iowa, in 1890 located on section 16, Cass township, where he is now engaged in the cultivation of eighty acres of highly cultivated and productive land. His place is

well improved, and his home is supplied with all the comforts of life. Here he has met with success and is now enjoying a comfortable competence.

Mr. Homesley was married in Washington county, Arkansas, February 10, 1889, to Miss Carrie Alice Carrel, who was born in Boone county, Iowa, January 19, 1872, and here grew to womanhood, attending the common schools. Her parents, Philip and Elizabeth (Kirk) Carrel, were among the early settlers of Boone county. Her father was born in Indiana, March 27, 1827, and died in Woodson county, Kansas, on the 1st of January, 1903, while her mother was born in eastern Tennessee, March 24, 1830, and passed away in Boone county, Iowa, January 13, 1894. They were married on the 9th of July, 1846, and came to Boone county in 1853, locating in Cass township. Their family consisted of eleven children, of whom eight are still living, as follows: Mrs. Sarah Ann Tollivar, who died at the age of twenty years; John Wesley, who is also deceased; William, who is deceased; Mrs. Mary Elizabeth Eversole, who is now a resident of California; Samuel J., who lives in Livermore, Iowa; Asa, who resides in Madrid, Iowa; Mrs. Emily Oviatt, who also lives in Madrid; Jacob M., who makes his home in Hibbing, Minnesota; Charles H., who lives in Fresno, California; Theodore, who resides in Algona, Iowa; and Carrie Alice, now the wife of the subject of this review.

Mr. and Mrs. Homesley have two children. Theodore Troy, born in Washington county, Arkansas, October 6, 1890, is now engaged in the cultivation of a farm in Cass township near the home of his parents. He was married in Sonora, Arkansas, February 14, 1912, to Florence Davis, who was born, reared and educated in Henderson county, Kentucky, and is especially proficient in music. Beulah May, born in Cass township, this county, May 26, 1904, is attending the common schools. Mrs. Homesley and her children hold membership in the Liberty Methodist Episcopal church of Cass township, and the family is one of prominence in the community. Mr. Homesley affiliates with the democratic party and has held school offices in his township as well as served as road commissioner. He is one of the representative men of the community and a most highly esteemed citizen.

THEODORE H. KEIGLEY.

Theodore H. Keigley is a farmer and stock-raiser and is the owner of a finely improved farm of two hundred and forty acres of land situated on section 20, Colfax township. He was born in this county, August 17, 1856, and is a son of W. J. and Elizabeth (Throckmorton) Keigley. The father was born on the 12th of June, 1824, in Greene county, Pennsylvania, of German descent, his father being a native of the fatherland. The latter was a farmer and spent his last years in Boone county, where he passed away. The mother was born November 27, 1824, in Greene county, Pennsylvania, where her marriage occurred. Her parents were likewise natives of the Keystone state. W. J. Keigley engaged in farming in Boone county for a number of years and then became the owner of a mercantile enterprise at Madrid. After ten or twelve years spent as a merchant he retired and enjoyed a well earned leisure until his death, which

occurred on December 29, 1904. His widow preceded him in death over a year, passing away April 23, 1903. Both were members of the Methodist church and were known as two of the most upright citizens of the county. Mr. Keigley would have taken part in the Civil war but that he was taken ill at Davenport and so was unable to serve. He and his wife were the parents of seven sons and one daughter, of whom the following grew to maturity: Warren, who passed away in the fall of 1913 at Boone; Clayton, who is the owner of a plantation at Crowley, Louisiana; Theodore H., of this review; L. F., who is engaged in business in Ames, Iowa; Robert M., who died in Madrid, Iowa, in September, 1903, at the age of forty-four years; Emma E., the wife of Andrew E. Sutherland, a farmer residing near Madrid; and Wilbur H., who is engaged in the real-estate business in Madrid.

Theodore H. Keigley was reared in Boone county and here attended the public schools. He has always followed farming as an occupation and has reaped bounteous harvests due to his knowledge of the best methods of agriculture and his energy in carrying on the work of the farm.

On the 12th of October, 1879, Mr. Keigley was united in marriage to Miss Janet Gunder, whose birth occurred November 18, 1860, in Whiteside county, Illinois, near Sterling. Her mother passed away when she was but an infant and her father later re-married. She came with her father and stepmother to Boone county when but a child, the family settling in Colfax township, where the father became known as a citizen of worth. Mrs. Keigley's two brothers are G. B., of Polk county, Missouri; and John A., of Montour, Iowa. By her marriage she became the mother of the following children: Roland A., a business man of Luther, married Miss Hallie Luther, a daughter of M. H. Luther, a farmer of that locality, and they have one child, Harlan. Alta E. is the wife of Walter L. Lundahl, of Garden township; and Bert L., the youngest of the family, is at home. William T., the third in order of birth, died in infancy.

Mr. and Mrs. Keigley are members of the Congregational church of Garden Prairie. He has always supported the democratic party at the polls, and he has served his township in various official capacities, giving entire satisfaction to his constituents. His public-spirited activities as a citizen and his worth as a man have gained for him the respect of the community.

W. M. PEOPLES.

W. M. Peoples is a representative of one of the old pioneer families of Boone county and was born upon a farm in the township which bears the family name, his natal day being December 17, 1861. His father, W. M. Peoples, was a native of Pennsylvania, born near Brownsville, but in youth he came to the middle west and at the time of the Civil war enlisted from Boone county in the Union army, becoming a member of Company D, Thirty-second Iowa Volunteer Infantry. He was killed at Pleasant Hill, Louisiana, April 8, 1864. He left a widow and an only son. The former, Mrs. Catharine (Miller) Peoples, was born in La Grange county, Indiana, but now resides in Woodward, Iowa.

The only child, W. M. Peoples, was reared to manhood in Boone county and is indebted to its public school system for the educational privileges which he enjoyed. With the exception of eight years spent in conducting a meat market in Woodward he has always followed farming and stock-raising. It was this occupation to which he was reared, and he has manifested unfaltering energy and determination in the management and improvement of his place.

In Boone county in 1883 Mr. Peoples was united in marriage to Miss Clara J. Woods, who was born in Adams county, Ohio, March 28, 1862, and in 1865 was brought to this county by her parents, Joseph and Ellen (Lawson) Woods. Her father, also a native of Ohio, was born in April, 1834, and her mother's birth occurred in that state August 27, 1837. From the time of his arrival in this county as an early settler Joseph Woods continued to make his home in this part of the state until called to his final rest, his death occurring in Woodward, August 2, 1906. His wife, who survives, now resides in Los Angeles, California. In their family were six children, of whom five are living, namely: James H., a resident of Waterloo, Iowa; Mrs. Peoples, wife of the subject of this review; Mrs. Ida Greenhiser, of Los Angeles; John, who makes his home in California; and Charlie, also of Waterloo, Iowa. One daughter, Ella, who was the fourth in order of birth, has passed away. The three eldest children of the family were born in Ohio and the younger three in Douglas township, Boone county, where all were reared.

Unto Mr. and Mrs. Peoples have been born three children, but they lost their eldest, Ray, who was born November 19, 1889, and passed away at Havre, Montana, July 27, 1913. William, born in Clinton county, Iowa, June 5, 1893, and Catharine, born April 29, 1895, are with their parents upon the home farm. They have attended the common schools of the neighborhood and the public schools of Woodward. The Peoples' farm is a tract of land of one hundred and sixty acres, situated on section 36, Peoples township. There are good improvements upon the place, including a modern residence, well furnished, and substantial outbuildings for the shelter of grain and stock. Mr. Peoples carries on general agricultural pursuits and also raises a good grade of live stock. The farm presents a neat and attractive appearance, and that his methods are both practical and progressive is indicated in the success which has come to him. In politics he is independent, voting as his judgment dictates rather than for party. Fraternally he is connected with Peaceful Lodge, No. 454, A. F. & A. M., of Woodward, and endeavors to exemplify in his life the beneficent spirit of the craft.

SAMUEL LOGAN MOORE.

Samuel Logan Moore has justly won the proud American title of "a self-made man." Energy and industry have been the crowning points in his career, and his intelligently directed effort has carried him steadily forward to the goal of success. He is today a prominent figure in financial circles not only in Boone, but elsewhere in this and surrounding counties. Pennsylvania claims him as a native son, his birth having occurred in Canonsburg, that state, on the 6th of April, 1845, his parents being William and Eleanore (Hughes) Moore, both

of whom were natives of Pennsylvania. The father made farming his life work and thus provided for the support of the family. Removing to the middle west, he passed away in Macoupin, Illinois, in 1864. The mother afterward came to Boone with her son Samuel, and her last days were spent in this section of the state. Unto Mr. and Mrs. Moore were born ten children, of whom S. L. was the sixth in order of birth. Only four of the number are now living: Rebecca, the wife of Henry Hill of Boone; Thomas B., living in Des Moines; and Belle, the wife of W. H. Jayne, also of Des Moines.

Samuel Logan Moore is the other member of the family and, like his brothers and sisters, he spent his youthful days upon the home farm in Illinois, attending the public schools in the winter seasons and devoting his attention to the work of the fields through the summer months. He was but sixteen years of age when he offered his services to the government, enlisting as a member of Company F, Seventh Illinois Infantry on the 25th of April, 1861, when the smoke of Fort Sumter's guns had scarcely cleared away. He served throughout the war going to the front with his command and participating in many of the most hotly contested battles. He was honorably discharged at Louisville, Kentucky. He was mustered out at Springfield, Illinois, in June, 1865, with the rank of orderly sergeant, being a youth just out of his 'teens, although he had had much experience in connection with military life, experience of the most arduous kind.

After the close of the war Mr. Moore returned to the north and was employed in a warehouse at Bunker Hill, Illinois, until 1866, and the following year he came with his mother to Boone and entered upon railroad work as a switchman in the service of the Chicago & Northwestern Railway Company. He was employed in that capacity and as yardmaster for eighteen years, or until about 1885, when he entered banking circles, and has since been prominently identified with financial interests in his county. Gradually in this connection he has worked his way upward. He organized the First National Bank and has continuously been its president. He has also become an officer and stockholder in seven other Iowa banks, being connected with the Security Savings Bank of Boone and with six country banks. He is likewise identified with three Oklahoma banks and one in North Dakota. At the time he organized the First National there were two banks in Boone, one of which was a private institution. He is also president of the Boone Blank Book Company, is interested in the Spurrier Lumber Company, the Brick & Tile Company, and in other industrial and manufacturing enterprises. He is a large landowner in Iowa, Minnesota, North Dakota, Montana and Oklahoma. His worth is well known, his enterprise is unfaltering, and at all times he most carefully safeguards the interests of his patrons by tempering progressiveness with a wise conservatism.

Mr. Moore is well known in fraternal circles, holding membership with the Masonic lodge and the Eastern Star, the Independent Order of Odd Fellows and the Rebekah degree. He also wears the little bronze button that indicates him a member of the Grand Army of the Republic and through that organization he maintains close and cordial relations with those who wore the nation's blue uniform when he, too, was fighting for the supremacy of the flag and cause it represented. His religious faith is that of the Presbyterian church, and his life, honorable and upright in all of its purposes and principles, has given him high standing in both business and social circles. Mr. Moore greatly enjoys travel

and has crossed the ocean eight times, traveling around the world four times. He is modest in demeanor and assumes no special credit for what he has accomplished, but the office of biography is not to give voice to a man's modest estimate of himself and his accomplishments but rather to leave the perpetual record establishing his position by the consensus of opinion on the part of his fellowmen, and judged in this way Mr. Moore ranks as a leading citizen of Iowa, for the extent and importance of his business affairs have impressed his name indelibly upon the material development of the state, while his support of progressive measures along other lines has shown him to be a man of broad public spirit whose fidelity to the best interests of the community is unquestioned.

ANTON E. CHECK.

Anton E. Check has been a lifelong resident of Boone county, and the consensus of public opinion concerning him is altogether favorable. He represents a family that has always stood for that which is best and highest in citizenship and noblest in conduct, and the family name in business circles is a synonym for integrity as well as enterprise. Anton E. Check was born about a mile east of Madrid on the 15th of September, 1868, a son of John and Hannah (Pearson) Check, both of whom were natives of Sweden, the former born January 10, 1840, and the latter on the 31st of August, 1841. Mr. Check still resides in Madrid, but the mother passed away there April 10, 1904. In their family were three sons as follows: Axel, who died in Moro, Minnesota; Anton E.; and J. W., who now makes his home in Moro. The eldest of the three was born in Sweden and the two younger in Garden township, where all were reared.

Anton E. Check spent his youthful days under the parental roof and divided his time between the work of the fields, the duties of the schoolroom and the pleasures of the playground. When his parents brought their family to the new world they settled upon the farm where Anton Check now resides, and he has been a representative of agricultural interests in this section of the state throughout his life.

Mr. Check was married in Garden township, May 21, 1890, to Miss Matilda Johnson, who was born in Keokuk, Iowa, August 6, 1873, the family having come from Sweden in 1872, at which time they established their home in Keokuk, there remaining until 1882, when they came to Garden township, settling upon a farm, which has since been in possession of the family. The father, J. A. Johnson was born in Sweden as was the mother, who bore the maiden name of Minnie Anderson. Both are still residents of Garden township. In their family were six children, five of whom survive: Mrs. Check, of this review; Mrs. Anna Hegberg, living in Minnesota; Eric, whose home is in Garden township; Ed, also residing in Garden township; Mrs. Jennie Ward, who has passed away; and Mrs. Esther Enquist, also of Garden township. The four eldest children were born in Keokuk, Iowa, and the younger members of the family in Garden township.

Mr. and Mrs. Check have become the parents of four children, all born in Garden township, namely: Arthur, born July 28, 1891; Blanche, born Septem-

ber 9, 1892; Lloyd, March 15, 1900; and Ada, April 20, 1908. All are now students of the public schools of this locality. The family residence is situated in the midst of an excellent farm of two hundred acres of choice land on section 21, Garden township, where are many modern improvements, including all of the accessories and conveniences known to the model farm of the twentieth century. Mr. Check also owns one hundred and ten acres on section 34, of the same township, which is a well developed property. He has an attractive home, tastefully furnished, and in the management of his farm he has won success and secured a comfortable competence. He has large herds of live stock of good grades, and in his business management he displays the sagacity and enterprise which enable him to triumph over all difficulties or obstacles.

His political allegiance is given to the republican party, and his religious faith is that of the Congregational church, his membership being with the organization of that denomination at Garden Prairie. A resident of the county for forty-six years, he has witnessed much of its progress and development and rejoices in what has been achieved in the way of advancing civilization. His aid may be counted upon in movements for the general good, and in the community where he lives he has come to be regarded as a most reliable and enterprising citizen.

STEPHEN DOUGLAS STURTZ.

Among Boone county's native sons is numbered Stephen Douglas Sturtz, who is now engaged in the occupation of farming in Dodge township, having a well developed tract of land, from which he derives a gratifying annual income. He was born November 3, 1860, and is a son of J. M. and Caroline (Goetzman) Sturtz. His father was born January 9, 1833, in Muskingum county, Ohio, and comes of German ancestry. In the place of his nativity he was reared and when a young man of twenty years he came to Boone county, in 1853. Here he engaged in farming and the tract of land upon which he first settled remained his place of residence until his death, which occurred in Chicago, at the home of his daughter, Mrs. William Paulson, on the 2d of August, 1911. He had devoted his entire life to farming and stock-raising up to the time of his retirement from active business and was numbered among the leading agriculturists of Boone county. His political support was given the democratic party and he attended the Lutheran church. He was strong in his honor and his good name and sterling traits of character endeared him to those with whom he came in contact. In August, 1854, he married Caroline Goetzman, who was born September 12, 1836, in Alsace-Lorraine. In her girlhood she came with her parents to America, the family home being established in Ohio. In 1853 she became a resident of Boone county, where she remained until her death, which occurred on the home farm in July, 1909.

Mr. and Mrs. Sturtz were the parents of seven children. William A., born in 1857, is now a retired farmer and stock-buyer, residing in Boone. Stephen D. is the next of the family. George, born in 1866, is engaged in the real-estate business in Sioux City, Iowa. Ann D., born in 1871, is the wife of William

Paulson, a resident of Chicago. James, born in 1878, is engaged in farming in Boone county. They were also the parents of two other children, who died in infancy.

Stephen Douglas Sturtz was born and reared in this county and during his youthful days he divided his time between attendance at the public schools and the work of the fields. He continued to assist his father upon the home farm until 1884, when he was married and purchased a tract of land. He then began farming and stock-raising on his own account and has since followed that pursuit, residing continuously in Dodge township with the exception of eight years, when he was a resident of Boone. He owns about three hundred and fifty acres, which he has brought to a high state of cultivation and to which he has added many modern improvements and equipments. The success which has crowned his efforts is well merited and indicates what may be accomplished when ambition and energy point out the way.

On the 24th of September, 1884, Mr. Sturtz was married to Miss Cordelia Swigert, a daughter of Anderson and Mary (Winklepleck) Swigert, who were married in Ohio. They had a family of eight children, of whom four survive, Madill, George A., Frank and Cordelia. The last named was born on the 12th of June, 1866, in Boone county, where she was reared and educated. Mr. and Mrs. Sturtz became the parents of five children, three of whom are living. Beatrice, who was born in 1887, is a graduate of the Boone high school. In 1908 she became the wife of A. V. Dalberg, a chemist in a beet sugar mill at Sterling, Colorado. They have two children, Helen and James. Horace, born in 1889, was graduated from the high school of Boone and married Leam Williams. He died January 7, 1913, as the result of an accident. Geneva, born in 1891, and Herschel D., born in 1898, are at home with their parents. Clayton B. died in infancy.

Mr. and Mrs. Sturtz are members of the Presbyterian church and are loyal to their professions. He has never held political office outside of township positions and is rather independent in his political views. Throughout his entire life, covering a period of about fifty-four years, he has lived in Boone county and has been an interested witness of all the changes which have occurred, wrought by time and man. He has lived to see the pioneer homes upon the farms of this county replaced by commodious, substantial residences, while the work of agricultural development has been carried forward until Boone ranks with the leading counties of the state in the productiveness of its soil and in the amount of harvests produced on a given area.

JAMES M. NOLAND.

James M. Noland is one of the most substantial landowners of Boone county, holding title to seven hundred and sixty acres of choice land on sections 19, 20, 21 and 29, Cass township. Moreover, he has always participated in public affairs and has proven himself a useful citizen, serving at present as mayor of Woodward and president of the board of education.

He was born in Highland county, Ohio, April 26, 1850, and is a son of William and Rachel (Bennett) Noland, the former born in Pike county, Ohio, in February, 1822, and the latter in Highland county, that state, March 13, 1823. They came overland to Iowa on the 26th of October, 1850, when our subject was but a few months old. The trip was made by boat to Keokuk, Iowa, whence they proceeded to Cass township, this county, locating on section 27. There the father followed farming and stock-raising. In 1865 he enlisted from Boone county for service in the Union army with the Thirteenth Iowa Regiment and died at Newbern, North Carolina, being buried in that place. His wife passed away in Cass township, June 20, 1886. They were married in Highland county, Ohio, September 2, 1842, and became the parents of ten children, as follows: Mrs. Elizabeth Jane Dickerson, who was born July 2, 1843; Mary, born January 6, 1845, deceased; Albert C., who was born November 16, 1846, and died at Huntsville, Alabama, while a member of Company D, Thirteenth Iowa Volunteer Infantry, and is buried at that place; John W., who was born April 25, 1848, and is residing in California; James M., of this review; George W., who was born August 4, 1852, and lives in Cass township; Mrs. Margaret Ellen Newell, who was born January 26, 1856, and resides in Woodward; F. S., born October 3, 1859, of Modesto, California; Joshua Marion, born July 31, 1861, of Alberta, Canada; and Nathaniel, born July 28, 1864, of Alberta, Canada. The elder children were born in Highland county, Ohio, and the five younger in Cass township, this county, where all were reared. When they came here pioneer conditions yet prevailed and the family endured all the privations and hardships incident to pioneer life.

James M. Noland removed with his parents to Cass township and there attended the common schools, subsequently taking up farming and stock-raising. He has been very successful, now owing today seven hundred and sixty acres of choice land on sections 19, 20, 21 and 29, Cass township, improved with three sets of buildings. He has always followed most modern and up-to-date methods and by close application and industry has attained to prosperity. He now resides in Woodward but still supervises the operation of his farms in Cass township.

On November 9, 1883, Mr. Noland was married in Cass township, Boone county, to Miss Emma Vernon, who was born in that township, March 28, 1861. Her parents were Joseph B. and Persosia (Gregg) Vernon, the former born near Pittsburg, Pennsylvania, February 23, 1828, and the latter in Virginia, June 30, 1832. They were among the earliest settlers of Boone county, having come overland from Pennsylvania to Illinois and thence to Iowa in a covered wagon. The father served in the Union army, enlisting from Boone county. He died in Cass township, October 1, 1879, and was survived by his wife until August 21, 1882, the latter also dying in Cass township. In their family were the following children: Oliver C., born June 20, 1853, now a resident of Kansas; Mrs. Laura Mowrer, born September 25, 1854, of Perry, Iowa; Mrs. Mary L. Bernard, born February 29, 1856, who died November 29, 1901; Mrs. Ella P. Ramsey, born April 10, 1859, of Cass township; Mrs. Emma Noland; Charles K., born July 30, 1864, of Cass township; Morris T., born March 8, 1868, of Fresno, California; and Mrs. Lucy A. Allshouse, born January 5, 1871, of Perry, Iowa. Two sons died in infancy. The two eldest children were born in Pennsylvania, the third in Illinois and the younger ones in Cass township. Here Mrs. Noland attended the common schools and grew to womanhood. She and her husband

became the parents of five children, all of whom were born in Cass township: Ralph E., born August 29, 1884, of Cass township; Mrs. Lucy A. Grant, born November 10, 1885, of Peoples township; Morris K., born August 26 1887, of Cass township; Mrs. Lillie E. Wade, born August 18, 1889, of Cass township; and Flossie May, who was born October 19, 1898, and is residing with her parents in Woodward, attending the high school. There are seven grandchildren. Ralph has two children: Emmet, who makes his home with his father in Cass township, and Jennie May, residing with her grandparents. Wilbur, Kenneth and Doyle are children of Mrs. Grant; and Orlee and Winifred are daughters of Morris K. Noland.

James M. Noland has always given his allegiance to the republican party and for a number of years was trustee of Cass township. At present he is serving as mayor of Woodward, giving the city a businesslike administration. He is president of the board of education, having ever taken a deep interest in that cause, and both he and his wife belong to the Methodist Episcopal church of Woodward. Fraternally he is a member of Peaceful Lodge, No. 454, A. F. & A. M., and Woodward Lodge, No. 460, I. O. O. F. There is much that is admirable in his career, which may serve as an example to the young men of today, demonstrating that high qualities of character are the fundamentals upon which is built a successful life.

SAMUEL BERT PAYNE.

A well improved farm of eighty acres on section 28, Jackson township, pays tribute to the labors of Samuel Bert Payne, who has made his home thereon for over a third of a century. He is a native of Indiana, born in Clay county, that state, July 20, 1854, and is a son of James Robert Payne, whose birth occurred in Cumberland, Maryland, in 1830. His mother, who bore the maiden name of Mary M. Devore, was born in Ohio and reared near Findlay, that state. In their family were eight children. James Robert Payne came with a colony to this locality, and he became prominently identified with its development and upbuilding, serving as supervisor of his township for a time. Our subject's grandfather, Benjamin C. Payne, was also one of this colony and for some time conducted a store in Boone, besides owning and operating a farm. Our subject is today the only one living in this county who came with the colony at that time. His paternal great-grandfather was a native of England.

It was on the 5th of November, 1854, when Samuel Bert Payne was only a few months old, that he was brought to this county by his parents, the trip being made in wagons. He here passed the days of his boyhood and youth, attending school in Des Moines township in the second schoolhouse built in Boone county. His first teacher was Jonathan Kellogg. He continued his education at intervals until he attained his majority and in the meantime acquired an excellent knowledge of agricultural pursuits by aiding his father in the work of the home farm. On the 12th of September, 1880, he was united in marriage to Miss Jennie B. Abraham of Boone county, who was born in Canada and is a daughter of James and Maria (Wilson) Abraham. Her father

was a native of Ireland, and her mother was born on the ocean while the family were enroute to the new world. It was in 1866 that the Abrahams came to Boone county and settled in Colfax township.

Since 1880 Mr. Payne has made his home upon his present farm and has erected all of the buildings now found thereon. It was wild land when it came into his possession, but the improvements that he has made have been substantial and it today ranks among the best cultivated and most desirable farms of the locality. Mr. and Mrs. Payne have two children, Walter Scott and Allie W. The wife and mother is a member of the Methodist Episcopal church, and the family stand high in the community where they reside. In politics Mr. Payne is a republican, and he has filled several local offices in a most creditable manner.

CHARLES K. VERNON.

Charles K. Vernon owns a valuable farm of one hundred and ten acres of choice land on section 16, Cass township, having upon his property two sets of buildings. He has not only contributed toward agricultural development, but has taken an active interest in public affairs and has served in several official positions. He was born on the Vernon homestead in Cass township, July 30, 1864, and there attended school and grew to manhood, early taking up farming and stock raising. He is a son of Joseph B. and Persosia (Gregg) Vernon, the former born near Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, February 23, 1828, and the latter in the state of Virginia, June 30, 1832. The parents were among the early settlers of Boone county, having come to the county from Illinois, whither they had made their way overland from Pennsylvania. The father was a soldier in the Union army, enlisting from Boone county. He died in Cass township, October 1, 1870, his widow surviving him until August 21, 1882, also passing away in Cass township. In their family were the following children: Oliver C., of Kansas; Mrs. Laura Mowrer, of Perry, Iowa; Mrs. Mary L. Bernard, who died November 29, 1901; Mrs. Ella P. Ramsey, of Cass township; Mrs. James M. Noland, of Woodward; Charles K., our subject; Morris T., of Fresno, California, and Mrs. Lucy A. Allshouse, of Perry, Iowa.

Mr. Vernon of this review has followed agricultural pursuits for many years and now owns a property comprising one hundred and ten acres in Cass township. He has always followed the latest and best methods and has installed modern machinery upon his farm. His fields are in a high state of cultivation, and he has made many improvements which have enhanced the value of his property. He is competent, industrious and energetic and such success as has come to him is well merited.

On the 21st of February, 1884, Mr. Vernon married in Cass township Miss Carrie B. Swisher, who was born in Worth township, this county, January 2, 1868, attending the common schools there. Her parents were George and Emma (McMichels) Swisher, the former born in West Virginia, May 6, 1842, and the latter near Burlington, Iowa, March 5, 1848. The father died in Cass township February 2, 1913, being survived by his widow, who resides on the home

farm where she and her husband settled in 1880. Mrs. Swisher remembers the time when the cows were herded where the city of Boone now stands. In their family were five children: Carrie B., the wife of our subject; Mrs. Mollie Parsal, born January 5, 1870, of Dallas county, Iowa; B. M., who was born May 14, 1871, and also resides in that county; George, Jr., who was born March 5, 1874, and resides in Cass township, and J. V., whose birth occurred October 28, 1877, and who makes his home on the Swisher homestead in Cass township. Mr and Mrs. Vernon were the parents of four children: Mrs. Belva K. James, who was born July 7, 1888, was married February 12, 1905, and is now residing in Peoples township. She has one daughter, Pauline Alice, who was born February 21, 1913. The second in the Vernon family is Mrs. Catharine M. Lemaster, born August 8, 1891, who was married February 16, 1910, and resides on the old home farm in Cass township; Lucy, born October 23, 1892, died December 12, 1892; Helen G., whose birth occurred March 28, 1897, resides with her parents. These children were born and reared in Cass township and in the acquirement of their education attended the Liberty school.

Politically Charles K. Vernon is a democrat and has always taken a laudable interest in the progress of his township and county. He has served as road supervisor and has been a member of the school board of Cass township, taking an intelligent interest in the cause of education. He and his family are members of the Liberty Methodist Episcopal church. He has many friends in Cass township and is highly esteemed and respected by all who know him and most respected by those who know him best.

OLAF A. NEWMAN.

Olaf A. Newman is recognized as one of the most successful farmers living in the vicinity of Madrid. Starting out in life empty-handed, he has worked his way upward, ever realizing that industry is a force that will conquer almost any difficulty and surmount almost any obstacle. He was born in Sweden, May 10, 1855, and came to America with his parents in 1868, the family home being established at Swede's Point, Boone county. His father, Olaf Newman, Sr., was born in Sweden in 1825, and died in Madrid, Iowa. The mother, who bore the maiden name of Carrie Marie Pearson, was also born in Sweden and makes her home in Madrid. In their family were three children: Olaf, whose name introduces this record; Peter T., who was born in Sweden, May 5, 1858, and is now residing in Garden township; and Sarah, who was born in 1865 and died in 1868 while the family were crossing the ocean, into the depths of which her remains were lowered.

The father was a farmer and Olaf A. Newman was carefully trained in the work of the fields, remaining with his parents until he reached his majority. He then began learning the carpenter's trade, which he followed for a number of years. His attention, however, is now concentrated upon agricultural pursuits, and he is the owner of one hundred and sixty acres of choice land on section 24, Garden township, which is well improved, and eighty acres on section 25, Garden



MR. AND MRS. OLAF A. NEWMAN

township. He likewise has eighty acres on section 35 and an adjoining tract of twenty acres, while in Dallas county he has eighty-five acres of coal land. His investments have been judiciously made and his property holdings are valuable, returning to him a gratifying annual income. He has developed the land which he has purchased, has placed many improvements upon it and is now the owner of valuable property.

In Garden township, on the 29th of April, 1891, Mr. Newman was united in marriage to Miss Hulda Alsin, who was born in Sweden, August 7, 1863. Her parents were among the earlier settlers of Garden township. Unto Mr. and Mrs. Newman were born three children: Ivan, who was born July 3, 1892, in Garden township and passed away on the 23d of September, 1897; Mabel Victoria, who was born August 22, 1893, and died October 24, 1894; and Oliver, who was born December 1, 1896, and is now a high-school pupil in Slater and assists his father in the care of the farm.

The Newman home is a well furnished and attractive residence. There is an air of thrift, comfort and prosperity which pervades the place, and hospitality also reigns supreme there. Mr. Newman deserves much credit for what he has accomplished. He was a youth of thirteen years when he came with his parents to the new world. It was not long afterward that he started out in business on his own account and from that time to the present he has made industry the beacon light of his life, for he recognized the eternal principle that industry wins.

MARION P. RAMSEY.

Along the line of agricultural activity Marion P. Ramsey has made continuous progress since starting out in life on his own account. He makes his home in Cass township, where he has resided the greater part of the time since the spring of 1879. He is a native of Des Moines township, born on the 27th of June, 1857. His father, John Ramsey, was a native of Green township, Harrison county, Ohio, born March 13, 1832. After arriving at years of maturity he married Esther Ann Paxton, who was also born in Green township, Harrison county, her natal day being January 13, 1834.

In an early day the family removed westward to Illinois and in 1853 arrived in Boone county, Iowa, settling near Boonesboro. They were among the early residents of this section of the state and took an active part in promoting progress and development along various lines. For almost six decades the father continued to make his home in Boone county, his death occurring in Worth township on the 26th of February, 1911. For about five years he had survived his wife, who died in Woodward, Iowa, July 25, 1906. Both had attained an advanced age, the mother being seventy-two at the time of her demise, while the father was in his seventy-ninth year. In their family were five children, namely: George, who was born December 18, 1853, and died five days later; Mrs. Margaret Hemm, who was born July 7, 1855, and is now a resident of Woodward, Iowa; Marion P., of this review; S. A., who was born November 4, 1860, and is now residing in Woodward; and C. E., who was born November 22, 1864, and makes his home in Woodward. All were born and reared in Boone county, and the

family has been widely and favorably known in this section of the state for sixty-one years.

Marion P. Ramsey spent his boyhood and youth in the usual manner of farm lads. In his youthful days he attended the public schools in order to acquire an education that would qualify him for life's practical and responsible duties. When his text-books were put aside he concentrated his energies upon farm work, taking up his abode in Cass township in the spring of 1879, and with the exception of a decade spent in the Sunflower state, where he carried on general farming, he has since made his home in Cass township, where he now resides, owning and cultivating one hundred and fourteen acres of choice land on section 17. His place is well improved, and his home is modern and attractively furnished. There are good barns and outbuildings for the shelter of grain and stock, and the latest makes of farm machinery facilitate the work of the fields. In addition to raising various cereals Mr. Ramsey is also engaged in raising a good grade of Poland China hogs, and this branch of his business is bringing him substantial returns. His work has been crowned with a gratifying measure of success that makes him now the possessor of a comfortable competence.

In Cass township, on the 10th of November, 1880, Mr. Ramsey was united in marriage to Miss Ella Persosia Vernon, who was born in Cass township, April 10, 1859, and was here reared to womanhood, her parents being among the pioneer settlers of the township. Unto Mr. and Mrs. Ramsey have been born three children. Harry V., who was born August 3, 1882, and attended the common schools and high school at Perry, is now interested in the drainage business at Owatonna, Minnesota. Marion Earl, born in Kansas, July 23, 1888, is residing with his parents upon the home farm. Mrs. Esther Fay Kirtley, born May 23, 1893, is a resident of Peoples township.

In his political views Mr. Ramsey has always been a democrat since he became a voter, and he keeps well informed on the questions and issues of the day. He and his wife are members of the Methodist Episcopal church at Cass township, and their lives conform to their professions. All who know them esteem them for their genuine worth, and they have a circle of friends in Boone county almost coextensive with the circle of their acquaintances.

GEORGE C. THOMAS.

George C. Thomas, deceased, was one of the most esteemed and respected residents of Woodward. He was born in Canada, June 8, 1850, and was a son of George C. and Elizabeth (Strowbridge) Thomas. His father died in Arkansas and his mother in Woodward, Iowa. In their family were four sons and two daughters: John, a resident of Kansas; Harvey, now residing in Des Moines; Richard; George C., of this review; Anna, who died at the age of eighteen; and Mrs. Elizabeth Blake, of Chicago, Illinois. All of these children were born in Canada.

George C. Thomas, Jr., moved with his parents to Dallas county, Iowa, the family locating on a farm. There he grew to manhood and subsequently became one of the first business men of Woodward, conducting a restaurant with increas-

ing success for a number of years. He was actively engaged in business until shortly before his death, which occurred in Woodward, October 29, 1905, causing sincere sorrow among his many friends.

On February 25, 1890, Mr. Thomas was married in Woodward to Miss Dora Nance, who was born in Peoples township, Boone county, September 23, 1866, and has been a continuous resident of this locality with the exception of a short time which she spent at Ames. Her parents, L. M. and Harriet M. (Hornbuckle) Nance, were among the pioneers of Boone county. Her father was born in Green county, Kentucky, May 18, 1827, and died in Woodward, Iowa, May 28, 1897. On leaving his native state he removed to Petersburg, Menard county, Illinois, and in 1855 he and his family came overland to Boone county, Iowa, arriving in what is now Peoples township in August of that year. He secured his first forty acres of raw prairie land for two hundred dollars. At that time the country was very sparsely settled and his nearest markets were at Marshalltown and Oskaloosa. The famous Indian chief, John Green, as well as members of his tribe, was a frequent visitor at the Nance home and was always welcome. In this county, March 8, 1855, Mr. Nance married Miss Harriet M. Hornbuckle, who was born in Petersburg, Illinois, June 20, 1832, and died at Woodward, Iowa, June 2, 1912, in her eightieth year. Her parents were among Boone county's pioneers, her father having settled here in 1853. He named the first postoffice in this part of the country, giving it the name of Prairie Hill, and he also operated the first sawmill on the Des Moines river at Elk Rapids. To Mr. and Mrs. Nance were born five children, all of whom received good educational advantages in the public schools of Boone. They were: Mrs. M. E. Storms, born December 24, 1855, now a resident of Woodward; Thomas F., born June 20, 1858, whose home is in Madrid; Mary Lydia, deceased, who was born December 29, 1861; Dora, now Mrs. Thomas; and Mrs. L. E. Clark, who was born January 8, 1873, and resides in Des Moines.

Mrs. Thomas was educated in the common schools of her neighborhood, particularly in the Oak Grove school of Peoples township. In April, 1914, there were gathered at the home of Mrs. Wade in Woodward a class of ten women, including Mrs. Thomas, who attended that school, and their old school teacher, A. C. Smith, now a prominent resident of Woodward, participated in the celebration. To Mr. and Mrs. Thomas was born one son, George Wayne, whose birth occurred in Woodward, September 1, 1892. He attended the public schools there until fourteen years of age, when the family removed to Ames, where for four years he attended high school. He is at present holding a responsible position with the electric light and power plant at Woodward.

Mr. Thomas was a member of the Methodist Episcopal church and his widow also adheres to that faith. He was sincere in his professions and was the teacher of a Bible class for fifteen years. Politically he was a democrat and fraternally a member of Woodward Lodge, No. 460, I. O. O. F., belonging to the famous I. O. O. F. drill team of Woodward, which attended the Baltimore conclave of that lodge and won the championship not only of Iowa and the nation, but of the world. Mr. Thomas died October 29, 1905, at the comparatively early age of fifty-five years. He had many friends in Woodward and Boone county among the business men, among the agriculturists, among political leaders and more especially among his lodge brothers. All turned out to do honor to

his memory on the occasion of his funeral. In a quiet and modest way he contributed toward development and advancement and he has left Woodward and his county the better for his having lived. His widow now resides with her son in a well furnished home in Woodward and she also owns a well appointed residence in Ames. All who know her esteem her for her high qualities of character, and she is ever ready to extend a helping hand to those who are less fortunate or who find themselves in affliction or need.

GEORGE W. MOUGIN.

George W. Mougin, one of the leading farmers of Cass township, was born in Jo Daviess county, Illinois, February 14, 1862, and on the paternal side is of French descent, his father, grandfather and great-grandfather having come to this country from France at an early day. Landing at New Orleans, they proceeded up the Mississippi and finally located at Grand Prairie, Illinois, on the Mississippi river, where they began the improvement of a farm. Learning of the richness of the lead mines near Galena, Illinois, the family later removed to that part of the country and located on a farm which is still in possession of some of its members. The father of our subject, Augustus Mougin, was born in France and died in Cass township, this county, May 19, 1912, having located here on the 10th of April, 1902. The mother, who bore the maiden name of Catharine Gammon, was born in Ohio and died in Madrid, Iowa, November 26, 1908. She often related an experience of her girlhood when the treacherous waters of the Missouri river wrought terrible havoc. The family were residing upon a farm situated on the banks of the river, and the stream, swollen by floods, not only carried away the house and destroyed the crops but also literally washed away the farm. She became the mother of the following children, of whom nine are still living: Mrs. Josephine White, who died January 3, 1914; John, who died in infancy; R. N., of Seattle, Washington; I. N., a resident of Couer d'Alene, Idaho; Mrs. Mary L. Sherrard, of Jo Daviess county, Illinois; Albert P., of Peoria, Illinois; George W., of this review; James Russell, of Los Angeles, California; Mrs. Rosa Glenn, deceased; William Edward, who resides on the old home farm in Jo Daviess county, Illinois; A. E., a resident of Elizabeth, Illinois; Mrs. Sena Schubert, of Dubuque, Iowa; Charles, who died in infancy; and Flora, who also died in infancy.

Like the other members of his father's family George W. Mougin was reared in Jo Daviess county, Illinois, and is indebted to the public schools for the educational privileges he enjoyed during his youth. On leaving his native state in 1880 he went to Sioux City, Iowa, where he spent two years, and then removed to Cass township, Boone county, where he has since made his home with the exception of two years spent in conducting a livery business in Madrid. He is now the owner of an excellent farm of one hundred and eighty-five acres on sections 9 and 18, Cass township, which is supplied with two sets of good buildings, and in the cultivation of his land Mr. Mougin has met with most excellent success. He is now enjoying a comfortable competence and has a pleasant home.

At Madrid, Iowa, on the 28th of November, 1883, was celebrated the marriage of Mr. Mougin and Miss Fannie D. Halsey, who was born in McLean county, Illinois, March 14, 1863, but was only two years of age when in 1865 she accompanied her parents on their removal to Boone county, Iowa, the family locating on a farm in Cass township, where she now resides. Her father, John Halsey, died in that township, and her mother, who bore the maiden name of Mary Rutledge and was born in McLean county, Illinois, passed away at Madrid. She was a member of the famous Rutledge family of the Prairie state. To Mr. and Mrs. Halsey were born nine children. There are four children in the family of Mr. and Mrs. Mougin: Gus, who was born August 30, 1884, and resides in Cass township; Mrs. Mary Catharine Graves, who was born September 15, 1886, and lives in the same township; Flora, who died in infancy; and Otis H., who was born January 4, 1895, and assists his father in the operation of the home farm. The children were all born in Cass township and were given good educational advantages, attending the common schools, the two eldest also graduating from the Madrid high school.

By his ballot Mr. Mougin supports the men and measures of the republican party, and he has taken quite a prominent and influential part in local politics, filling all of the township offices. For the past four years he has been township clerk. Fraternally he is connected with Woodward Lodge, No. 460, I. O. O. F., of Woodward, and both he and his wife belong to the Rebekahs at the same place. They stand high in the community where they reside and are quite prominent socially.

HENRY P. CALONKEY.

Henry P. Calonkey, a self-made and highly respected man who has worked his way upward through his own efforts and merit to his present position of material success and his enviable place in the regard of his fellow townsmen of Woodward, was born in Jo Daviess county, Illinois, January 1, 1848, his parents' being C. and Julia (Bonitelle) Calonkey. The father, who was born in France in 1821, lived for a long period in Illinois and in 1869 came with his younger children to Boone county, settling in Boonesboro. The family traveled by rail save the subject of this review, who drove across the country. After taking up his abode in Boonesboro, Mr. Calonkey followed the carpenter's trade and also engaged in teaming for several years. In Illinois he lost his first wife. There were four children of that marriage, of whom two died in infancy, the others being: Henry P., of this review; and Mrs. Catharine Rotden, who is now a resident of Jo Daviess county, Illinois. The father married again and by the second union there were born: Mrs. Hattie Drover, living in McAlester, Oklahoma, Mrs. Gladys Brainerd, whose home is in Florida; and Mrs. Emma White-lock, of Huntington, Indiana. All of the children were born in Illinois, and the older ones attended the public schools of that state, while the younger members of the family were educated in Boone. The father was for many years a resident of Iowa, his death occurring in June, 1913.

Henry P. Calonkey spent the period of his minority in Illinois, being twenty-one years of age when the removal was made to Iowa, at which time he drove a team from the old home in Jo Daviess county to Boone. Three years after his arrival here, or in 1872, he married Alice Wade, who was born in Michigan, February 25, 1853, and came with her parents as they traveled across the country to Boone county. They cast in their lot with the early settlers of Cass township, and their daughter there attended the common schools. The father, Washington Wade, was born in Medina county, Ohio, April 17, 1818, lived for a time in Michigan and after coming to Iowa continued to make his home in this state until his death, which occurred in Woodward, December 4, 1904. His wife, who bore the maiden name of Lucy Bass, was born in Pennsylvania, December 24, 1825, and died in Woodward, November 6, 1906. The three eldest of the children of this union were born in Michigan, the fourth in Illinois and the younger members of the family in Boone county, and with the exception of two all are yet living. The record is as follows: J. B., whose birth occurred March 15, 1849, and who resides in Nebraska; Mrs. Josephine Miller, who was born June 1, 1851, and passed away on the 14th of June, 1874; Mrs. Alice Calonkey; Mrs. Jennie Bettis, who was born December 15, 1854, and resides in Denver, Colorado; A. B., born January 12, 1857, who resides in Woodward, Iowa; Albert, twin of A. B., who died when nine months old; Ella, who is a resident of Woodward, Iowa; Mrs. Hattie Hughes, born January 14, 1863, who makes her home in Belle Plaine, Iowa; William, who makes his home in Woodward, Iowa; Mrs. Minnie Callahan, who was born July 14, 1866, and resides in Woodward; and Albertus, whose birth occurred June 30, 1869, and who is a resident of Woodward, Iowa.

Mr. and Mrs. Calonkey have become the parents of five children and the family circle yet remains unbroken by the hand of death. The children are as follows: A. B., born December 27, 1872, who is engaged in the creamery business at Woodward in association with his father, under the firm name of H. P. Calonkey & Son; Mrs. Lucy Houghton, who was born September 21, 1877, and is a resident of Portersville, California; Clyde, whose birth occurred May 12, 1880, and who is a resident of Dallas county, Iowa; Mrs. Olive Gray, born March 18, 1886, who makes her home in Chicago, Illinois; Josephine, who was born May 31, 1888, and is now teaching in the high school at Rock Rapids, Iowa. The last named was graduated from Ames College in 1910 and subsequently taught school in California for one year, while later she followed her profession in Dallas Center for two years. All are natives of Boone county. Mr. and Mrs. Calonkey began their domestic life upon a farm but in 1893 removed to Woodward, where he has since been identified with the banking and the creamery business. His has been an active life, crowned with a substantial measure of success as the direct result of his industry and diligence. He has secured a liberal patronage by methods which neither seek nor require disguise, and his labors have put him in possession of a comfortable competence. Mr. Calonkey is today president and one of the directors of the Woodward State Bank, a strong financial institution based upon modern methods of banking and conducted according to the strictest business ethics. In addition he owns eighty acres of good farm land on section 12, Peoples township, from which

he derives a substantial annual income, and his town property includes an attractive home in Woodward which is tastefully and artistically furnished.

Mr. Calonkey belongs to Woodward Lodge, No. 460, I. O. O. F., as do both of his sons, and was a member of the famous World's Champion Degree Staff, a history of which is given elsewhere in this work. His wife belongs to the Methodist Episcopal church. In politics he is a democrat, prominent in the party, and has been called to fill a number of offices. He has served as constable and as township trustee and since taking up his abode in Woodward has been a member of the city council and mayor, exercising his official prerogatives in support of many progressive movements. He has been a school director in Woodward and also before removing to the city, and the cause of education finds in him a stalwart champion. He is a recognized leader in public affairs and has done much in molding public thought and action in his community. Broadminded, liberal in spirit and action, he is ready to assume his share of any financial obligation or to support any worthy public enterprise through personal cooperation. His fellow townsmen speak of him in terms of high regard and his worth is uniformly acknowledged.

WILL M. BASS.

Will M. Bass is a farmer and stockman of Des Moines township, owning and cultivating a fine tract of land two miles north of Boone. He is also active in the public life of his locality and is now serving for the eighteenth year as clerk of his township. It was in that township that he was born on the 21st of December, 1866, a son of David Bass and a grandson of Edward Bass, who came to Iowa in 1855 and secured as a homestead claim the farm now owned and occupied by the subject of this review. Edward Bass was born in North Carolina and when a young man removed westward to Indiana, where he lived until he established his home in Iowa. He traveled with ox cart to this state and, having entered his claim, began the development of the farm, which he converted into a rich and productive tract, residing thereon until his death, which occurred in 1882, when he was eighty years of age.

David Bass also resided on the old homestead, but at the time of the Civil war he felt that his duty to his country was paramount to all other interests and went to the front, serving for four years as a private in Company K, Sixteenth Iowa Volunteer Infantry. He participated in a number of hotly contested engagements and on one occasion was wounded in the elbow. He died November 11, 1911, at the age of seventy-two years. The community regarded him as a representative citizen. In politics he was a stanch democrat, and his religious faith was that of the Baptist church. In early manhood he married Susan Harter, who was born in Baden, Germany, and when six years of age was brought to America. She was reared to womanhood in Ohio and then came to Boone county, where she married. At the age of seventy-one years she now lives on the old home place in Des Moines township and she is a member of the German Reformed church. Unto Mr. and Mrs. David Bass were born eight children, of whom two died in early life, while six are yet living, namely: Will

M.; Mrs. Albert S. Beckett, of Des Moines township, whose husband follows farming; Mrs. Charles Ross, also of the same township; Mrs. Clark Ross, living in Estherville, Iowa; Samuel, who is single and resides on the old homestead; and Mrs. Charles Sturtz, of Des Moines township.

No event of special importance occurred to vary the routine of farm life for Will M. Bass in his boyhood and youth. He pursued his education in the public schools and through the summer months worked in the fields, and he has never desired to change his occupation. For the past quarter of a century he has resided at his present home, owning and cultivating one hundred and sixty acres of rich land which is now splendidly developed. He carries on general farming, raising the crops best adapted to soil and climate, and as the years have gone on his labors have been attended with a substantial measure of success.

Mr. Bass was united in marriage to Miss Anna M. Burk, a daughter of Thomas Burk, now of Tacoma, Washington, but for many years a resident of Boone county, where he engaged in farming and also served as county supervisor, filling that position for six years. He was elected to the office on the republican ticket, having always been a loyal supporter of the party. His daughter, Mrs. Bass, was born in Des Moines, Iowa, and by her marriage she has become the mother of one son, Paul, now eighteen years of age.

In his political views Mr. Bass is a republican. He has held a number of school offices and for the past eighteen years has been township clerk. The cause of education finds in him a warm friend and, in fact, his influence is always on the side of right and progress, truth and reform. He holds membership with the Modern Woodmen of America, and his wife is connected with the ladies' auxiliary of that organization, known as the Royal Neighbors. In religious faith Mr. Bass is a Methodist, his membership being in Bethel church of Des Moines township. He represents one of the old pioneer families of the county, a family long and honorably connected with the agricultural development of this part of the state, and the work instituted by his grandfather and continued by his father is now being carried on still farther by him.

CHARLES CLARK.

Charles Clark, who has lived retired in Beaver since 1910, was long and actively identified with agricultural pursuits in Boone county and is now spending the evening of life in well earned ease. His birth occurred in Trumbull county, Ohio, on the 29th of July, 1844, his parents being Watters and Julia (Rice) Clark, who were natives of Connecticut and Ohio respectively. The father followed farming in the Buckeye state throughout his entire business career and passed away in February, 1865. The mother was called to her final rest in March, 1883.

Charles Clark was reared and educated in the state of his nativity and remained under the parental roof until the time of his enlistment for service in the Civil war, joining the Union army in June, 1864, as a member of Company G, One Hundred and Seventy-seventh Ohio Volunteer Infantry. He remained with that command until the cessation of hostilities between the north and the

south and then returned to Ohio, where he continued to make his home for six years. On the expiration of that period he came to Boone county, Iowa, and here cultivated rented land until 1875. In that year he purchased forty acres of land in Union township and improved the property, while subsequently he bought an improved tract of eighty acres in Amaqua township. He took up his abode on the latter place and gave his attention to its operation continuously and successfully until 1910, when he put aside the active work of the fields and purchased an attractive residence property on the main street in Beaver, where he has lived retired for the past four years. His undertakings as an agriculturist were attended with gratifying prosperity, and he has long been numbered among the substantial and representative citizens of the community.

On the 3d of October, 1874, Mr. Clark was united in marriage to Miss Eva Kimball, a daughter of Robert and Sarah (Cooper) Kimball, who were natives of Allegany county, New York. The father, an agriculturist of the Empire state, enlisted for service in the Civil war and while at the front was stricken with typhoid fever, dying in the army in 1863. His widow, surviving him for more than four decades, passed away in this county in February, 1906. Unto Mr. and Mrs. Clark were born four children, as follows: Percy L., who follows farming in Peoples township; Harry V., who operates his father's farm in Amaqua township; Isabelle M., the wife of E. B. Doran, who is a son of Senator Doran and follows farming in Beaver township; and Watters F., who died on the 28th of June, 1879, when but three weeks old.

In politics Mr. Clark has always been a staunch republican. He served as assessor of Union township for four years, acted as a trustee of Amaqua township for a similar period and for many years promoted the interests of the cause of education as a school director. He belongs to the Grand Army of the Republic and is identified fraternally with the Independent Order of Odd Fellows of Ogden, while his religious faith is that of the Baptist church. The period of his residence in Boone county covers more than four decades and he has won a large circle of warm friends within its borders.

ALVA A. BURKHART.

Among the native sons of Boone county who have recognized and utilized the business opportunities here offered, never finding it necessary to seek success elsewhere, is Alva A. Burkhardt, now busily engaged in the further development and improvement of an excellent farm in Peoples township. It was in the same township that his birth occurred on the 1st of January, 1872.

His father, David L. Burkhardt, a native of Pennsylvania, was born in Butler county in 1833, but came to Iowa in early life, casting in his lot with the pioneer settlers of Boone county at a time when the work of progress and development seemed scarcely begun here. On first reaching this state he made his way to Iowa City, then a small town, while Fort Des Moines had not yet been founded. After a short time at Iowa City he removed to Fort Des Moines and worked at his trade of carpentering for a number of years. At length he exchanged his

home in Des Moines for a tract of land in Peoples township, Boone county, and took up his abode thereon, making that place his home until he was called to his final rest. Following the outbreak of the Civil war he enlisted in Company A, Twenty-third Iowa Volunteer Infantry, in 1862. He was enrolled at Zena and was honorably discharged in 1863 on account of physical disability. In the meantime he was with Grant at the siege of Vicksburg and was in the charge at Big Black river, in which he received special mention. For bravery on that occasion he was advanced to the captaincy of his company. In the charge his company captured many swords and flags, and a sword and flag which he took on that occasion are still in the possession of his family in Peoples township. He made an excellent military record, and it was with the deepest regret that he was forced to put aside his duties on account of the greatly impaired condition of his health.

David L. Burkhart was united in marriage to Miss Sarah McDonald, whose mother was a near relative of John Brown. Mrs. Burkhart was born in Michigan in 1834 and died in Peoples township, Boone county, Iowa, August 7, 1892. She became the mother of eleven children: Mrs. Laura Hayer, residing at Lesmore, Minnesota; Mrs. Sarah J. Rittenhouse, of Oregon City, Oregon; John P.; Thomas, deceased; Charles, who makes his home in California; William, who has passed away; Aaron E., who was born March 24, 1870, and is living in Peoples township; Alva A., of this review; George Washington, who makes his home in the state of Washington; Albert, living in Peoples township; and Otho, who is a resident of Woodward, Iowa. The parents of these children were married in Polk county but established their home in Peoples township, Boone county, and all of the children were born there.

Throughout his entire life Alva A. Burkhart has resided in the county which is now his home. His educational opportunities were those afforded by the public schools. His early training was that of the farm, and he has always carried on general agricultural pursuits and stock-raising. His work has been intelligently directed, and his energy and determination have constituted the basis of his growing success. His methods are at all times practical, and he has annually gathered good harvests as a result of the intelligent manner in which he has cultivated his fields and cared for his crops.

In Marcy township, February 8, 1899, Mr. Burkhart was united in marriage to Miss Beatrice Stewart, who was born in Coal Valley, this county, and spent her girlhood days here, where she has always resided. Her parents, Stephen and Margaret (Patterson) Stewart, were among the early residents of the county and were well known through the pioneer epoch and later periods in the history of this section of the state. Their children were as follows: Eleanor Webster, of Hot Springs county, Wyoming; Janet Edgar, a resident of Tacoma, Washington; Jane Thompson, of Thermopolis, Wyoming; and Mrs. Burkhart. Mrs. Stewart was twice married, the children by her second union being: John Hodge and Bessie Nelson, both of Rock Springs, Wyoming.

Mr. and Mrs. Burkhart have become the parents of the following named: Austin, who was born January 31, 1900; Mahlon, born June 27, 1901; Velma, born January 3, 1905; David and Stephen, twins, born May 17, 1909; and Clifton, whose birth occurred on the 23d of July, 1913. The older children are now in school. The family occupy a pleasant home, the house is commodious and tastefully furnished, and the air of hospitality which there pervades makes it a favorite

resort with the many friends of the family. The residence stands in the midst of one hundred and five acres of arable land situated on section 13, Peoples township, and in addition to a comfortable home there are good barns and outbuildings, well kept fences and the latest improved machinery. The political allegiance of Mr. Burkhart is given to the republican party, and both he and his wife are members of the Methodist Episcopal church, to the teachings of which they are ever loyal, while to the support of the church they make generous contributions.

JOHN M. HERMAN.

John M. Herman was prominently connected with a number of enterprises which helped to make Boone the important center which it is today. He was quiet and reserved in manner, weighing every proposition carefully, but after coming to a conclusion would act aggressively and with decision, pursuing the object which he had in view until he had attained the goal. Mr. Herman was born in Hengstfeldt, Wurtemberg, Germany, December 31, 1830, and there attended school and grew to manhood. Having heard of the opportunities which were waiting those who came to America, he decided upon emigration and in 1846 crossed the ocean. Making his way inland, he settled in Ohio, but the gold fever of the late '40s induced him to make the overland journey to California in 1850. Braving perils and overcoming hardships, he completed the long trip in one hundred and five days and after reaching the coast remained two and one-half years in the gold fields, acquiring the capital which enabled him to establish himself in business. He returned by way of the isthmus of Panama and for a few years remained in Ohio but then sought the middle west, locating in Madison and later founding his home in Monroe, Wisconsin, in 1858. He resided at that town for about eight years and came to Boone, Iowa, August 16, 1866, the city remaining his residence until he was called to his fathers. Boone then bore the name of Montana, the village having been founded the year before his arrival. He took active part in its early development and invested in property, soon becoming a prominent man, as he brought with him the means which so many of the other settlers lacked. He established the Boone Brewery, which sold over a wide territory, and continued this establishment until the state adopted the prohibition policy. He then promptly closed its doors, performing the mandate of the law to the letter, although he lost heavily in so doing. He was not a man, however, who could long be idle and soon found other occupations. He acquired title to realty which he developed by improving and building, adding to his prosperity and contributing at the same time to the growth of the city. He was vice president of the First National Bank and also had an interest in the Security Savings Bank. Moreover, he had large farming interests, deriving a gratifying addition to his income from this source.

On August 16, 1860, in Monroe, Wisconsin, Mr. Herman was married to Mrs. Anna B. Spring, who was born in Thun, Switzerland, and came to America in 1857. To them were born six children: Emma, a resident of Boone; J. Henry; John F., who is mentioned elsewhere in this work; and Otto C., all of whom are

engaged in the banking business; Julia, who died in infancy; and Anna, who passed away in young womanhood.

Mr. Herman died January 15, 1898, at the age of nearly sixty-eight years. In him the city of Boone lost one of its representative citizens and one who had been instrumental in securing for the city many of the conveniences and comforts of modern life. His memory still lingers with his many friends, who appreciated him as a trustworthy and faithful man and a public-spirited citizen. He was one of that race of German-Americans who have done so much for the progress of this country and who form such a secure and dependable part of our nation. The prosperity which came to him and the esteem in which he was held were but tribute to his ability and character.

J. HENRY HERMAN.

J. Henry Herman, cashier of the First National Bank of Boone, Iowa, has advanced by reason of individual merit and ability to his present position. He neglects no duty nor does he heedlessly pass by any opportunity for the development of the interests of the bank or city, and in the legitimate field of business he has won gratifying success. He was born in Monroe, Wisconsin, October 18, 1864, and is the son of John M. and Anna (Spring) Herman. The father was a native of Hengstfeldt, Wurtemberg, Germany, born on the 31st of December, 1830, and came to this country in 1847. He was among the first settlers in Boone, Iowa, arriving here August 16, 1866, and here he died January 15, 1898. The mother was a native of Thun, Switzerland, born May 21, 1838. She emigrated to America in the '50s and afterward came to Boone, Iowa, with her husband, where she lived until her death, April 23, 1914.

Unto them were born six children: Emma, living in this city; Julia, who died in infancy; J. Henry, the subject of this sketch; Anna B., who died in early womanhood; John F., now cashier of the Security Savings Bank; and Otto C., vice president of the same institution.

J. Henry Herman was a little child when brought by his parents to Boone (then Montana), where he has spent practically all of his life. He was graduated from the public schools here, being the second boy to graduate from the high school, which was in 1883. Later he attended Elliott's Business College at Burlington, completing the course in 1884. He afterward spent a brief period in McPherson, Kansas, looking after some interests for his father, but returned to Boone to accept the position of bookkeeper in the First National Bank, which was being organized, going in on the opening day and remaining with the institution continuously since. He was promoted to assistant cashier in 1888, and in 1890 he became cashier, which position he is now filling. He was also one of the organizers of the Security Savings Bank of this city as well as the City State Bank and the Ogden State Bank of Ogden, Iowa, in all of which institutions he still retains an interest.

Mr. Herman is also interested in some local manufacturing concerns and always contributes to all good causes tending toward the growth of the city in

whose future he has always been optimistic and which is evidenced by his holdings of real estate and farm properties adjoining.

On the 14th of March, 1899, Mr. Herman was united in marriage to Miss Caroline Ursula Goepfinger, a native of Boone and daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Henry Goepfinger, who are also numbered among the earliest settlers of Boone. After spending their honeymoon in Europe they settled in Boone. To them were born five children: Paul H., born November 26, 1900; Louise A., September 20, 1902; John C., July 10, 1904; Albert L., March 7, 1906; and Helen Henrietta, April 10, 1913.

In politics Mr. Herman has never taken a very active part. Although twice elected as school treasurer, he has never been active in the sense of office seeking, voting for men and measures rather than for party. He holds membership in the Evangelical Lutheran church and is a director of the Commercial Club. He is well known in financial and society circles and possesses many substantial qualities which have won him confidence, regard and good-will in Boone and Boone county, where he has a very large acquaintance and where most of his life has been spent.

JOHN F. HERMAN.

John F. Herman is a factor in financial circles of Boone county as cashier of the Security Savings Bank of Boone, in which capacity he has been identified with the institution for the past nine years. His birth occurred in Boone on the 27th of March, 1868, his parents being John M. and Anna (Spring) Herman, who are mentioned at greater length in another part of this work.

John F. Herman attended school in Boone, supplementing his early educational training by taking a course in the Iowa State College at Ames. He began his business career by accepting a position in the First National Bank, in which he served as bookkeeper and later was for about a year connected with the post-office. In 1888 he decided to establish himself independently and associated himself with Canier Brothers, the leading shoe merchants of Boone, with whom he was actively and successfully engaged in business until 1905. In that year he accepted the position of cashier of the Security Savings Bank and in that capacity has since been identified with the institution, contributing to its continued growth and success in no uncertain degree. A few months ago the bank moved into handsome new quarters on Eighth street. Mr. Herman enjoys an enviable reputation as a courteous, capable and obliging official and a financier of undoubted ability. He is likewise a director in the First National Bank, a stockholder in the Boone County Telephone Company and a director in the Boone Brick, Tile and Paving Company.

On November 4, 1896, Mr. Herman married in Kansas City, Miss Katherine Hungerford of Burlington, Vermont, whose birth occurred August 23, 1871, and who is a graduate of Smith College. Her father was the Rev. Edward Hungerford, of Connecticut, whose wife was born in Vermont, although both were of English descent. In their family were four children: Caroline, who is now Mrs. Silas A. Mills; Charlotte, who married William H. Zantzinger; Frederick; and

Katherine. Mr. and Mrs. Herman have the following children: Dorothea H., born January 8, 1898; Edward, born June 30, 1900; Frederick, whose birth occurred in 1902; George, whose natal year was 1905; and Buell, born in 1907.

The parents are members of the Presbyterian church and thoroughly devoted to its work. Politically Mr. Herman is not very active, although he is true to his standards and always indorses those measures which he considers of the greatest value to the community. He is interested not only in material growth but in intellectual and moral betterment and gives much thought to the issues and questions of the day. Fraternally he belongs to the Benevolent Protective Order of Elks and is very popular in this organization. He is a thoroughly up-to-date American business man, making use of opportunities as they present themselves, but at the same time he is considerate of the interests of others and never loses sight of the community welfare.

ABNER LYCURGUS HARLOW.

In taking up the personal history of Abner Lycurgus Harlow we present to our readers the life record of one who was well and favorably known in Boone county for many years and who by his quiet and well spent life contributed to the development, improvement and upbuilding of the section in which he lived. He was born in Cass township on the 31st of October, 1860, and was but forty-six years of age when he passed away in Woodward on the 5th of January, 1907. He was a brother of Charles D. and A. M. Harlow, both of whom are mentioned elsewhere in this volume.

The experiences in the early life of Abner L. Harlow were those which usually fall to the lot of the farm boy. In the public schools he acquired his education, and his business training was received under the direction of his father until he started out in life on his own account. Turning his attention to farming and stock-raising, he won a substantial measure of success in that direction and for a time was interested with his brother in the lumber business in Woodward. In 1886, however, he returned to the farm and concentrated his energies upon the work of the fields through the succeeding twelve years, the result of his labors being manifest in the large crops which he annually harvested and which brought him a substantial financial return. In 1898 he removed with his family to Woodward, but later they returned to the farm for a short time. Again they took up their abode in Woodward and Mr. Harlow retired from active business, his death occurring soon afterward.

It was in Cass township, on the 16th of December, 1885, that Mr. Harlow wedded Miss Eva Patrick, who was born in Union county, Ohio, September 7, 1867, and in 1884 came to Iowa with her parents, the family home being established in Woodward, Dallas county, where the family has since been represented. Her father, Harmon Patrick, was born in Union county, Ohio, February 12, 1840, and died at Woodward on the 25th of June, 1897. Her mother, who bore the maiden name of Lovina Severs, was a native of Knox county, Ohio, born October 1, 1839. She makes her home with her daughter, Mrs. Harlow, in Woodward. The Patricks were pioneers of Ohio. Three children were born

unto Harmon and Lovina (Severs) Patrick, two sons and a daughter: David, who was born December 25, 1859, and died in Ohio in 1862; Jefferson, who was born November 15, 1863, and passed away in 1870; and Mrs. Harlow, of this review, who by her marriage also became the mother of three children: Britt P., who was born in Peoples township, July 8, 1888, and now resides on the home farm in Cass township; Howard H., who was born October 24, 1889; and Opal, who was born in Woodward, Iowa, September 14, 1901, and is attending high school in Woodward. The second son, Howard H. Harlow, is one of the progressive young farmers of Boone county. He owns and cultivates two hundred and forty acres of choice land in Cass township and has his place splendidly improved according to modern standards. He has brought his land to a high state of cultivation, and the result of his labors is seen in his excellent crops. The neat and thrifty appearance of his place constitutes his farm one of the attractive features of the landscape. Moreover, he is willing to bear his part in worthy public enterprises. Fraternally he is connected with Peaceful Lodge, No. 454, A. F. & A. M., of Woodward. In politics he is a democrat but has neither the time nor inclination for office. He has served as school director, and the cause of religion as well as that of education finds in him a warm friend, as is indicated by his membership in the Woodward Methodist Episcopal church.

The father, Abner L. Harlow, was likewise a member of Peaceful Lodge, No. 454, A. F. & A. M., of Woodward, and of the Modern Woodmen Camp at that place. His sterling traits of character were recognized by all who knew him. He was faithful in the performance of every duty in both public and private life, and he left behind him not only a handsome competence as the result of his labor but also a good name. Mrs. Harlow remains in Woodward, where she occupies a well furnished and hospitable home.

OTHO S. BURKHART.

Otho S. Burkhardt, local manager for the Standard Oil Company at Woodward and well qualified for his present position, was born in Peoples township, Boone county, July 13, 1878. He is a son of David L. and Sarah (McDonald) Burkhardt. The former, a native of Pennsylvania, was born in Butler county in 1833, but came to Iowa in early life, casting in his lot with the pioneer settlers of Boone county at a time when the work of progress and development seemed scarcely begun here. On first reaching this state he made his way to Iowa City, then a small town, while Fort Des Moines had not yet been founded. After a short time at Iowa City he removed to Fort Des Moines and worked at his trade of carpentering for a number of years. At length he exchanged his home in Des Moines for a tract of land in Peoples township, Boone county, and took up his abode thereon, making that place his home until he was called to his final rest. Following the outbreak of the Civil war he enlisted in Company A, Twenty-third Iowa Volunteer Infantry, in 1862. He was enrolled at Zena and was honorably discharged in 1863 on account of physical disability. In the meantime he was with Grant at the siege of Vicksburg and was in charge at Big Black river, in which he received special mention. For bravery on that occasion he was ad-

vanced to the captaincy of his company. In the charge his company captured many swords and flags, and a sword and flag which he took on that occasion are still in the possession of his family in Peoples township. He made an excellent military record, and it was with the deepest regret that he was forced to put aside his duties on account of the greatly impaired condition of his health.

David L. Burkhart was united in marriage to Miss Sarah McDonald, whose mother was a near relative of John Brown, the famous anti-slavery leader, who was killed at Harpers Ferry. Mrs. Burkhart was born in Michigan in 1834 and died in Peoples township, Boone county, Iowa, August 7, 1892. She became the mother of eleven children: Mrs. Laura Hayer, residing at Lesmore, Minnesota; Mrs. Sarah J. Rittenhouse of Oregon City, Oregon; John P.; Thomas, deceased; Charles, who makes his home in California; William, who has passed away; Aaron E., who was born March 24, 1870, and is living in Peoples township; Alva A.; George Washington, who makes his home in the state of Washington; Albert, living in Peoples township; and Otho S., of this review. The parents of these children were married in Polk county, but established their home in Peoples township, Boone county, and all of the children were born there.

Upon the death of his parents Otho S. Burkhart was taken into the home of an aunt in Polk county, where he remained for a year, or until the aunt's death. He then returned to Peoples township, where he continued to live until taking up his abode in Woodward. In his youthful days and early manhood he followed farming and stock-raising, being thus continuously engaged until 1907, when he removed to Woodward and secured a clerkship in a hardware store. He was thus employed for five years and afterward spent one year at the carpenter's trade and one year as a painter. In May, 1914, he became manager for the Standard Oil Company at Woodward and has charge of this immediate territory. He is well qualified for the position and is doing good service for that corporation in this section.

In his political views Mr. Burkhart is an earnest republican, well informed on the questions and issues of the day. He belongs to Peaceful Lodge, A. F. & A. M., of Woodward, and to Woodward Lodge, No. 460, I. O. O. F. He is a member of the World's Champion Odd Fellows' Degree Staff of Woodward and was with them in their triumphant career.

JAMES W. WANE.

With the farming and stock-raising interests of Boone county James W. Wane has been identified for over forty years. He is today the owner of a well improved and highly cultivated farm of one hundred and sixty acres on sections 12 and 13, Worth township, where he has made his home since the 1st of March, 1873. He was born in that township, December 13, 1848, a son of J. M. and Caroline (Hull) Wane. The mother was a daughter of Dr. James Hull, one of the pioneer physicians of this county. She was born in Ohio and died here in June, 1911, at the age of eighty-six years. The father was a native of Baltimore, Maryland, and on coming to Boone county, Iowa, in May, 1848, located in Des Moines township, where he continued to make his home throughout the remainder



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of his life, dying in 1896 at the age of eighty-four years. He was one of the early county commissioners and also served as county clerk, taking a very prominent part in public affairs. Both he and his wife were earnest and consistent members of the Methodist Episcopal church. James W. Wane is the eldest of their nine children, the others being: Mrs. W. S. Sparks, of Des Moines township; Samuel R., a merchant of Boone; W. S., a resident of Roy, New Mexico; Mrs. Mary Latham, living near Boone; Edward H., a farmer of Worth township; S. C., of Salem, Oregon; J. M., Jr., a merchant of Boone; and Mrs. Minnie Latham, who lives on the old homestead near Boone. Mrs. Lucy Grayson, a half sister of our subject, is now deceased.

James W. Wane, familiarly known as Jim by his many friends here, was reared on the old homestead in Worth township and attended the public schools of the neighborhood. As soon as old enough to be of any assistance, he began to aid in the operation of the farm and throughout his active life has followed agricultural pursuits. In connection with general farming he has given considerable attention to the raising of stock. He was married December 25, 1872, to Miss Laura Boone, a daughter of William M. Boone. She died October 29, 1908. Six children were born to Mr. and Mrs. Wane as follows: Mrs. Lena Dyer, now a resident of San Diego, California; Zylph, at home; John M., a resident of Webster City, Iowa, who married Millie Hull and has one son, Walter; Mrs. Eva Franzen, of Boone, who has one son, Marvin; George R., who died at the age of twenty-six years; and Eunice L., twin of Eva, also deceased.

The republican party has always found in Mr. Wane a staunch supporter of its principles, but he has never accepted office, preferring to devote his entire time and attention to his business interests. He is president of the Squire Boone Cemetery Association and never withholds his support from any enterprise which he believes will advance the interests of the community, being a very public-spirited citizen.

CHARLES B. PIERCE.

Charles B. Pierce is actively engaged in the livery business at Woodward and is a reliable, enterprising business man. He was born in Cass township, Boone county, November 18, 1862, and is a representative of one of the old pioneer families of this part of the state. His father, John Pierce, drove across the country to Boone county in 1857, casting in his lot with the early settlers. He was born in Sangamon county, Illinois, and since coming to Iowa has continued his residence within its borders, his home being now in Woodward. He married Margaret Ellisant, a native of Indiana, who died in Peoples township, Boone county, in 1880. In their family were seven children, as follows: Rena, deceased; Mrs. Evelyn McLain, who has also passed away; Charles B., of this review; Mrs. Laura Gordon, who is a resident of Dallas county; Mrs. Carrie Knight, of Boone county; Snyder J., living in Thompson, Iowa; and Frank, who makes his home in Woodward, Iowa. All were born and reared in Cass township.

It was upon the old homestead there that Charles B. Pierce spent the days of his boyhood and youth, attending the common schools of the neighborhood and

working in the fields through the periods of vacation. He continued to engage actively in farming until the fall of 1902, when he embarked in the livery business in Woodward and since that time, with the exception of two years, he has continually and successfully conducted his livery stable. Following the destruction of the old barn by fire, a new modern building was erected under his direction, and he owns the stock and equipment. He has a number of good horses and a fine line of carriages and, keeping up with the demand and progress of the times, he also has two new automobiles in connection with his other equipment. He gives good services at reasonable prices and is always courteous and obliging. His son Floyd is now associated with him in business under the firm style of C. B. Pierce & Son and they enjoy a liberal and well deserved patronage.

It was in Boone that Mr. Pierce was united in marriage to Miss Mary Preston, a native of Xenia, Dallas county, born April 10, 1869. She was reared to womanhood in that county and was educated in the public schools. The Prestons were among the pioneer settlers of this section of the state. Her father, Zenos Preston, who was born in Henry county, Indiana, September 13, 1835, is now residing in Woodward in the seventy-ninth year of his age. His wife, who bore the maiden name of Eliza A. Turk, was born in Montgomery, Hamilton county, Ohio, June 4, 1842, came to Iowa in 1856 and took up her abode in Xenia. She died in Woodward on the 5th of November, 1901, and her death was the occasion of deep regret to those who knew her. There were seven children in the Preston family: Mrs. Emma J. Grimm, a resident of Woodward, Iowa; William Albert, who passed away October 16, 1900; Charles L., was also resides in Woodward, Iowa; Mrs. Mary Pierce; Mrs. Janet Webber, who makes her home in Woodward, Iowa; Norman P., a resident of Woodward, Iowa; and Fred E., who resides in Omaha, Nebraska. Mrs. Grimm is a native of Missouri, while the younger children were born at Xenia, Dallas county, Iowa, where all were reared.

Mr. and Mrs. Pierce have become the parents of a son and two daughters: Floyd, who was born January 16, 1887, and is now engaged in the livery business with his father; Mrs. Mabel Staker, who resides in Woodward; and Mrs. Elva Anderson, whose home is in Dallas county. The son is a native of Boone county and the daughters were born in Polk City, Iowa.

Mr. Pierce holds membership in Woodward Lodge, No. 460, I. O. O. F., and he and his brother, Snyder J. Pierce, were members of the World's Champion Degree Staff of Woodward. He has taken an active and helpful interest in the work of the order and has exemplified its beneficent spirit in his life. He is now widely and favorably known in Woodward, where he owns a profitable and growing livery business and also owns a pleasant home.

ALBERT F. NELSON.

Business enterprise finds an exponent in Albert F. Nelson, who is a member of the Nelson Dairy Company at Boone. He was born in Fillmore county, Nebraska, May 8, 1885, a son of Peter P. and Alexandria (Benson) Nelson. His education was acquired in the schools of his native town to the age of sixteen

years, when he accompanied his parents on their removal from Nebraska to Boone.

His grandfather, Peter P. Nelson, was a farmer of Sweden and came to the United States in 1854. He followed farming near Knoxville, Illinois, and there passed away. He married Ellen Nelson, who died in Sweden.

Their son, Peter P. Nelson, Jr., the father of Albert F. Nelson, was for many years engaged in farming in Worth township, but is now living retired. He was born in Sweden, May 2, 1852, and attended school until fourteen years of age, after which he began work upon farms, being thus engaged until he came to the United States. He was married in Sweden to Miss Hannah Abrahamson and in 1873 they arrived in New York. They made their way direct to Knoxville, Knox county, Illinois. In the following spring Mr. Nelson returned to his native land but in the meantime had purchased forty acres in Knox county. In October, of the same year, he once more came to America and settled upon his farm in Illinois, where he lived for four years. On the expiration of that period he sold his land and removed to Chase county, Nebraska, where he took up a homestead claim, upon which he lived for seventeen years, being quite successful in its development and management. He then sold that property and brought his family to Boone county, Iowa, where he purchased one hundred and seventy-four acres of land in Worth township. With characteristic energy he began the development and improvement of the place and lived there until his retirement from active business life when he took up his abode in Boone, trading his farm for his town property. In addition to cultivating the cereals best adapted to soil and climate, he also conducted a dairy business, and the products of his dairy found a ready sale upon the market. In 1880 he and his first wife returned to their native land upon a visit and while there Mrs. Nelson passed away. On the 15th of November, 1881, in Chicago, Mr. Nelson was united in marriage to the mother of our subject, who was born in Copenhagen, April 23, 1864. She came to the United States in 1881 and was living in Chicago at the time of her marriage. The children born unto Peter P. and Alexandria Nelson were eight in number: Lillie, now the wife of Levi Wells, of Columbus, Ohio; Albert F., whose name introduces this review; Henry H., of Boone; Ernest W., who follows farming; Chester V.; Edith H.; Floyd V.; and Glenn, all at home. The parents are members of the Swedish Mission church and Mr. Nelson gives his political support to the republican party. Fraternally he is connected with the Modern Woodmen. He has gained many warm friends during the period of his residence in this county and his many substantial qualities have won for him the respect and goodwill of all with whom he has been brought in contact.

Albert F. Nelson, following the removal of the family to Boone county, began work upon the home farm in the employ of his father and spent five years in that way, at the end of which time he purchased his father's farm and continued its cultivation and development alone until the spring of 1914, when he admitted his brothers, Ernest W. and Henry H., to a partnership in what is now known as the Nelson Dairy Company. In this connection they are doing a good business. They keep a large number of cows for dairy purposes and the product of their dairy finds a ready sale on the market. Neatness and sanitation are characteristic features of the place and the results achieved indicate careful management and unflinching enterprise.

On the 14th of December, 1911, Mr. Nelson was united in marriage to Miss Melle M. Nelson, and they have a daughter, Irma Elizabeth. The parents hold membership in the Swedish Evangelical Mission church and Mr. Nelson has acted as a teacher in the Sunday school. He contributes generously to the support of the church and does all in his power to further the moral progress of the community. He was one of the organizers of the C. B. C., the largest in the state, and was its first president. He votes with the republican party and is unfaltering in his support of its principles which he deems best qualified to promote good government. His life has been well spent, his actions manly and sincere, and the sterling traits of his character are attested in the high regard in which he is uniformly held.

FRANCIS S. CLARK.

Among the representative young farmers of Peoples township is Francis S. Clark, who has made farming and stock-raising his life work. His place is today one of the valuable farm properties of his section of the county and in the midst of well tilled fields stands a commodious and attractive home, built in modern style of architecture and most tastefully arranged and furnished. It was in Peoples township that Francis S. Clark was born on the 9th of August, 1883.

His father, Lambert W. Clark, a native of Vermont, was born May 14, 1842, and was a youth of fourteen years when he came to Iowa in 1856. He settled in Clinton county and afterward removed to Boone county, where he has since made his home, now living on the old homestead with his son. He wedded Amelia Davis, who was born in New York, January 19, 1847. She also survives and they, with their son Francis, remain upon the old home farm, which has now for many years been in possession of the family and which is one of the well improved properties of this section of the state. They had seven children: George L., who was born November 17, 1862, and resides in Peoples township; Elmer, who makes his home in Minnesota; Mrs. Effie Smith, a resident of Texas; Mrs. Jennie Vickroy, living in Montana; Charlie, whose home is in Dallas county; Francis S., of this review; and Allie, deceased. It was in 1866 that the family arrived in Boone county and in that year they took up their abode in Peoples township, where they have since been numbered among the most prominent and highly respected citizens. The eldest child was born in Clinton county, Iowa, the second in Illinois and the younger members of the family in Boone county. All attended the common schools of Peoples township and from pioneer times to the present representatives of the name have been prominent in connection with public affairs, especially the agricultural development of the district.

Francis S. Clark was reared on the old homestead and after mastering the branches of learning taught in the public schools concentrated his energies upon agricultural pursuits, to which he has devoted his entire life. His work is carefully and intelligently directed. He is methodical and systematic in all that he does and is today engaged in the cultivation and further improvement of three hundred and sixty acres of choice land, constituting the old Clark homestead on sections 26 and 27, Peoples township. In recent years have been erected there

some of the best buildings to be found on farm properties in this district. Theirs is a pleasant home, pervaded by a spirit of hospitality that is most enticing.

In Dallas county, in 1902, Mr. Clark was united in marriage to Miss Katie Pantier, who was born in Peoples township, April 26, 1884, was reared to womanhood in this county and attended the public schools. Her parents, David and Dora (Needham) Pantier, are now living in Perry, Iowa. The mother belongs to one of the old pioneer families of Boone county and, in fact, both parents were early settlers of this section of the state. In their family were eight children, of whom seven are yet living: Mrs. Marie Cunningham, who also resides in Perry, Iowa; Mrs. Clark; George, living in Perry; Mrs. Florence Walsh, whose home is in Chicago, Illinois; Mrs. Grace Parker, of Perry; Edward, living in Perry; and David, whose home is in Peoples township, where all of the children were born and reared.

Mr. and Mrs. Clark have become parents of two sons: Lambert Watts, born December 8, 1903; and Freddie Andrew, born September 21, 1905. In his political views Mr. Clark is a republican and keeps well informed on the questions and issues of the day, but does not seek nor desire office, preferring to concentrate his energies upon his business affairs, which have brought him into close connection with the agricultural development of this part of the state. He is a man of unfaltering energy and after carefully formulating his plans carries them forward to successful completion. Always a resident of Peoples township, he has a wide and favorable acquaintance, and the many substantial traits of his character have placed him high in the regard of those who know him.

CHARLES A. UPTON.

Incessant effort along agricultural lines put forth by Charles A. Upton has resulted in the accumulation of two hundred and thirteen acres of valuable land which he owns on section 12, Beaver township. This farm is highly improved and operated along modern lines, it having in the course of years become one of the most profitable of the neighborhood. Its prosperous condition is entirely due to the judicious and capable management which Mr. Upton exercises in all his affairs.

Charles A. Upton was born in Illinois, May 1, 1868, and is a son of Albert and Henrietta (Delate) Upton, the father a native of Vermont and the mother of Illinois. The former removed to the Prairie state in early life and farmed there until 1870, when he came to Boone county. Here he bought land in Beaver township, which he improved and cultivated until 1890, when he retired. He now lives in Ogden, having reached the age of seventy-six, while his wife is sixty-five years old.

Charles A. Upton was reared and educated in Boone county and remained with his parents until he reached his majority. He early learned valuable agricultural lessons under the guidance of his father. After passing his twenty-first birthday he went to Sioux City, where he was connected with railroad construction work for one year. He then returned home and rented land which he successfully operated for eleven years. At the end of that time he had acquired the means

which enabled him to buy his present place of two hundred and thirteen acres on section 12, Beaver township. He immediately set about to install improvements and by careful rotation of crops and proper cultivation has made his farm one of the most profitable in his neighborhood. His buildings are most substantial, sanitary and modernly equipped. His barn is one of the best, if not the very best, in Boone county. The rest of his equipment and machinery is in conformity with this standard. The farm which Mr. Upton owns is doubly valuable because it is underlaid with a rich layer of valuable coal. He has been offered as high as thirty-five thousand dollars for the coal rights but considers himself justified in holding out for a price of not less than sixty thousand dollars.

On December 23, 1890, Mr. Upton married Miss Anna C. Flannery, a daughter of Thomas and Annie (Brennan) Flannery, natives of Ireland. Her parents came to America when young and at first located in Clinton county, Iowa. In 1887 the father removed to Boone county and here was successful as an agriculturist for many years. He now lives retired, residing in Kansas at the age of eighty-four years. His wife died March 29, 1901. Mr. and Mrs. Upton have four children: Grace E., the wife of David Hamilton, who farms in Beaver township; Maude M., who is twenty years of age; and Albert Edward and Henrietta Anna, twins, who are twelve years of age.

Mr. Upton served for some time as trustee of Beaver township and always has allied himself with men who were willing to sacrifice private interests in order to promote the public welfare. He combines stock-raising with general farming and is successful in breeding Hereford cattle and raising standard horses. He derives quite an addition to his income from dealing in the latter animals. Mr. Upton is a republican and strongly believes in the policy of that party. His wife is a member of the Catholic church and both are widely and favorably known in Beaver township for their high qualities of mind and character. They merit the respect which is shown them and are worthy of the prosperity which has come to them as the result of enterprise, industry and honorable principles.

CHARLES WILLIAMS.

Charles Williams, a conductor on the Northwestern Railroad, in the passenger service between Boone and Omaha, has filled this position since 1890 and has been connected with railroad work since 1878, or for a period of more than thirty-five years. He was born in Danby, Du Page county, Illinois, March 1, 1862, and when he was nine years of age his parents removed with their family to Manitowoc, Wisconsin. His father, Henry Williams, was born in Pennsylvania and was a shoemaker by trade. He married Miss Caroline Cramer, and both are now deceased, having spent their last days in Lincoln county, Wisconsin. Their children were: Charles, of this review; Emma, the wife of Reuben Hess, a resident of Morley, Wisconsin; Fred, living in Antigo, that state; and Alvina, the wife of George Wyant, of Bloomville, Lincoln county, Wisconsin. The ancestors of the family came from Wales although representatives of the name have long been established in America.

Between the ages of nine and sixteen years Charles Williams was a pupil in the schools of Manitowoc, Wisconsin, and during the periods of vacation he was employed in a brick yard and lumber office, thus earning his living when a young lad. After putting aside his text-books at the age of sixteen years he became connected with the Milwaukee division of the Chicago & Northwestern Railroad Company in 1878 as a fence builder and later was employed at shoveling gravel on a gravel train. He was afterward brakeman but in the fall of 1883 he left the Northwestern and entered the employ of the Wisconsin Central Railroad Company, with which he continued as brakeman until June, 1884. He then came to Boone and entered the employ of the Northwestern as brakeman, acting in that capacity until 1890, when he was promoted to conductor. Thus he has gradually worked his way upward. His promotions have come as a recognition of his faithfulness and capability, and thus step by step he has advanced until for almost a quarter of a century he has been a passenger conductor on the Northwestern between Boone and Omaha. He is always a courteous and obliging official, carefully watching over the interests of the patrons of the road and at the same time closely safeguarding the interests of the corporation which he represents.

On the 1st of November, 1889, Mr. Williams was married in Boone to Miss Sarah Stewart of this city, a daughter of George W. and Lucinda (Hall) Stewart. Both the Stewarts and Halls were old Virginia families. Unto Mr. and Mrs. Williams have been born three children. Leone married Horace Sturdy, who died in January, 1913. She is living at home and has one child, Iona. Clara is the wife of Arthur Nyberg, and they have one child, Carl William. Charles Stewart is the youngest of the family. The parents are members of the Methodist Episcopal church of Boone and are loyal to its teachings.

Mr. Williams votes with the democratic party but is not strongly partisan, for when his judgment dictates he casts an independent ballot. He belongs to the Brotherhood of Railroad Trainmen at Boone and is the only original member of the lodge who has never been transferred nor held membership elsewhere for a period. He joined in 1886 and is now a past president. He is well known in railway circles and among the citizens of Boone, and his worth in business connections as well as his many sterling traits of character have gained for him the warm and enduring regard of those with whom he has been brought in contact.

AARON E. BURKHART.

Boone county is fortunate that so great a majority of her sons remain within her borders, devoted to her welfare and upbuilding, and well they may, for she offers splendid advantages to her citizens, especially to those who make farming a life work. Among this number is Aaron E. Burkhardt, who was born in Peoples township, March 24, 1870. The usual experiences of the farm lad were his. He worked in the fields through the summer months and attended school in the winter seasons. As he advanced in years and strength, he aided more and more largely in the farm work, and after attaining his majority he decided to continue therein, realizing the opportunities offered in this connection in Boone county. He has, therefore, always carried on general farming and as the result of his

close application and unfaltering industry has met with a fair measure of success. Carefully saving his earnings, he has invested in property and is now the owner of one hundred and twenty acres of choice land, lying on section 13, Peoples township. He has made substantial improvements thereon, none of the equipments of the model farm of the twentieth century being found lacking there. His is a well furnished and attractive home, standing in the midst of highly cultivated fields, and he also has good grades of stock upon his place. He has been quite successful and the years have witnessed his advancement along business lines.

In Cass township Mr. Burkhart was united in marriage on the 28th of April, 1894, to Miss Anna Johnson, who was born in Norway, December 26, 1876. In 1884 she came to America with her parents, Jordan and Lena (Olson) Johnson, the family home being established at Woodward, Iowa. Her father was born in Norway and since coming to the new world has always followed farming in this state. For a time he was identified with agricultural pursuits in Cass township and is now living in Colfax township. His wife also survives. In their family were ten children, namely: Anna, now Mrs. Burkhart; John; Olive; Nels; Charley; Fred; Olaf, deceased; Gertrude; Mable; and Gladys.

Mr. and Mrs. Burkhart have become parents of one son, Donald, who was born in Peoples township, April 5, 1896, and is now attending the public school near his home. Mr. Burkhart gives his political allegiance to the republican party, which he has supported since age conferred upon him the right of franchise, but the honors and emoluments of office have had no special attraction for him, as he has always preferred to concentrate his energies upon his business affairs, which, well directed, have gained him recognition as one of the representative farmers of his section of the state. He has lived to witness many changes during the period of his life as the work of progress and development has been carried forward in this county, and at all times he has borne his share in discharging the duties which devolve upon every individual in relation to the public good.

DANIEL CLIFFORD DODGE.

Daniel Clifford Dodge, is a well known resident of Boone county, where he has done important work in the field of engineering, being now employed in his professional capacity by the Arthur McHose Cement Tile Company of Fraser. He was born in Buffalo, Scott county, Iowa, July 21, 1843, and in the paternal line his ancestry can be traced back to George Stephenson, who was the builder of the first locomotive in England, called the Rocket. His son, Robert Stephenson, was the father of Polly, who became the wife of Daniel Dodge. Their family included Erie Dodge, the father of Daniel Clifford Dodge. The ancestry of the Dodge family can be traced back as far as 1732, at which time the family records were lost in a fire—records that gave the ancestral history as far back as the fourteenth century. Caleb Dodge was born January 12, 1732, and his wife, Mirrium Dodge, was born May 4, 1739. Their son, Daniel Dodge, was born September 7, 1776, and his wife, Polly Stephenson, was born January 26, 1779.

Among their children was Erie Dodge. He was born at Belchertown, Massachusetts, April 10, 1805, and in his boyhood days removed to Herkimer, Oneida county, New York, where he was reared to manhood. He then left the east and traveled to the Mississippi valley, settling in Iowa in 1841. Throughout his entire life he followed farming, his labors being ended in death on the 9th of January, 1893. His wife, who bore the maiden name of Mary J. Harrington, was born September 16, 1821, at Ogdensburg, New York, a daughter of Benjamin Harrington, a tanner, and her death occurred on the 30th of May, 1910.

Daniel Clifford Dodge acquired a common-school education, was reared to farm life and followed agricultural pursuits until 1864, when he enlisted for active service in the Union army, with which he was connected until after the close of hostilities, being a member of Company G, of the Sixty-fourth Illinois Volunteer Infantry, and served until the end of the war. He went with Sherman on the celebrated march from Atlanta to the sea, proceeded northward through the Carolinas and participated in the Grand Review in Washington, D. C., when thousands of victorious soldiers marched through the streets of the city and passed the reviewing stand, upon which stood the president.

After the war Mr. Dodge took up engineering and was employed as an erecting engineer from 1872 until 1896, during which time he was stationed at various localities. For thirteen and a half years he was hoisting engineer for the Boone Coal & Mining Company. Subsequently he entered the employ of the Arthur McHose Cement Tile Company of Fraser, with which he is still connected. His efficiency and reliability are indicated in the fact that he has been with only four companies throughout the entire period of his business career.

On the 12th of June, 1870, at La Harpe, Illinois, Mr. Dodge was united in marriage to Miss Harriet E. Harrington, a daughter of Frank and Murilla (Averill) Harrington. Her father was an engineer on the Mississippi river boats throughout his entire life save for the period of the Civil war, when he served in the Confederate ranks. To Mr. and Mrs. Dodge have been born three children: Edith M., who became the wife of Harry Pease, a mail carrier at San Bernardino, California; Erie B., who wedded Olive Manbeck and is a constructing engineer with the American Bridge Company, and Daniel Clinton, who was born October 29, 1882, a sketch of whose life follows.

In politics Mr. Dodge is independent, voting for the man rather than for party. He holds membership in Black Oak Lodge, No. 491, F. & A. M., at Leighton, Iowa; and with the Knights of Pythias of Boone. His life has been one of industry well directed, and this quality has made him a substantial citizen, while certain social features have won him the friendship of those with whom he has been brought in contact.

DANIEL CLINTON DODGE.

Daniel Clinton Dodge, of Boone, Iowa, is the junior partner in the machinist and repair firm of Rogers & Dodge. He is a young business man of progressive tendencies and has already made great strides toward obtaining a substantial position in his community. He was born in Angus, Iowa, October 29, 1882,

and is a son of David Clinton and Harriet E. (Harrington) Dodge and a grandson of Erie and Mary Dodge. He grew to manhood in the village of Fraser, where he attended the public schools until the age of sixteen. He began his education, however, in Keokuk, Iowa, where his first teacher was Miss Cecil Cherry. His last teacher in Fraser was John Harrington. At the age of fourteen Mr. Dodge began firing in the mines and at sixteen took the state examination for hoisting engineer, accepting subsequently a position as engineer in the mines at Fraser, in which capacity he continued for three years. He then was a machinist for the Allis-Chalmers Manufacturing Company of Milwaukee for four years and has since been independently engaged in machine and repair work in Boone, where he made his home five years ago, establishing a general repair shop. He sold this enterprise to his present partner a year and a half ago but on February 1, 1914, reentered the firm. Mr. Dodge is a highly efficient workman, enjoying the reputation that he can practically make new anything intrusted to his care. Moreover, he has good business sense and conducts his affairs upon a strictly honorable basis. Many are the satisfied customers of his firm, and no small part in attaining this enviable state of affairs must be attributed to Mr. Dodge.

On October 29, 1903, in Ottumwa, Daniel C. Dodge married Miss Bessie Bowes of that city, a daughter of James and Elizabeth (Fisher) Bowes. The former have two children: Hazel Fern, born in Fraser, August 9, 1905; and Edith Vernon, who was born in Des Moines, August 16, 1909. Mr. Dodge is a republican but not active in political circles, although helpfully interested in the growth and progress of his city and county. Fraternally he is a member of the Red Men, and both he and his wife are members of the Methodist Episcopal church in Ottumwa. They are highly estimable people, respected by all who know them, and their friendship is eagerly sought and much valued.

PETER A. SHOLUND.

Sweden has furnished a notable percentage of the population of Boone county. A distinguished traveler and lecturer has said: "Sweden is the home of the honest man," and those who are familiar with the citizenship of this county find that the sons of Sweden have brought with them to the new world the virtues characteristic of their ancestors in the old country. Peter A. Sholund is now well known as a representative business man of Garden township, where he owns one hundred and fifty acres of choice land situated on section 26.

He was born in Sweden, November 11, 1856, and was a youth of twelve years when, in 1868, he came with his parents to the United States, the family home being established at Swede's Point, Boone county, in August of the same year. The father, Peter Sholund, was born in Sweden and now resides in Madrid. The mother, a native of the same country, passed away in Garden township in November, 1869. They had but two children: Peter A., of this review; and Mrs. S. M. Threw, now living at Denver, Colorado. After coming to Iowa the family took up their abode upon a farm east of Madrid and there remained for five years. Later they spent a year on the Peterson farm and in 1875 purchased land on section 26, Garden township, on which they established their

home. Here Peter A. Sholund has since remained. He represents one of the old pioneer families of the county and one actively and helpfully associated with its agricultural development.

Through the period of his boyhood Peter A. Sholund assisted his father in the arduous task of developing a new farm. Many and many a day he followed the plow, turning the furrows and thus preparing the ground for the sowing of the seed, and later he aided in gathering the harvests. This practical experience well qualified him to carry on farm work on his own account after he had attained his majority.

In 1887 Mr. Sholund was married to Miss S. Albertine Wicklund, who was born in Sweden and died in Garden township, leaving two children: Carrie Matilda, now a resident of Des Moines; and Harvey, who is with his father upon the home farm. Mr. Sholund was again married in 1892, Anna Lingblum becoming his wife. She was born in Sweden, August 4, 1866, and arrived in the new world in June, 1888, when a young woman of twenty-one years. Her father, Jonas Lingblum, spent his entire life in Sweden, as did his wife, who bore the maiden name of Carrie Johnson. They were the parents of six children, all of whom are yet living, namely: Mrs. Carrie Lingblum, now residing in Des Moines; Mrs. Christina Yulner, living in Sweden; Jonas, of Sweden; Mrs. Sholund; Mrs. Emma Running, of Des Moines; and Peter, of Sweden. Mrs. Sholund was married twice and by her first union had one daughter, who died in 1913. By her marriage to Mr. Sholund she has two daughters: Florence Henrietta, born in Garden township, September 10, 1903; and Helen Victoria, born February 26, 1906.

Mr. Sholund gives his political allegiance to the republican party and for ten years filled the office of assessor of Garden township. He was also a member of the school board for a number of years and is interested in the cause of education. He acted as president of the Independent District of Victoria. His religious faith is that of the Methodist Episcopal church, his membership being in Des Moines. It is well known that he stands for truth and justice at all times and that his influence has ever been on the side of progress, reform and improvement. He well merits the success which has come to him because of an honorable, upright life, and he is justly accounted one of the representative agriculturists of Garden township, where he owns one hundred and sixty acres of choice land, upon which are found many modern improvements. He also raises a good grade of live stock. His home is attractively furnished and is most hospitable. He deserves much credit for what he has accomplished, and his example may well be followed by those who wish to acquire honorable success.

P. C. EGAN.

P. C. Egan, who has resided almost continuously in Woodward since 1882 and throughout much of the period has been identified with its industrial interests, he and his brother being now proprietors of one of the best equipped and most liberally patronized blacksmith shops to be found in this part of the state, was born in Canada, August 23, 1864. The following year the parents arrived

with their family in what was then known as Montana and is now the city of Boone. Patrick Egan, the father, was born in Ireland and in the year 1853 crossed the Atlantic to Canada, in which country he formed the acquaintance of and wedded Eliza Payton, a native of that country. As previously stated, they crossed the border into the United States in 1865 with Boone county as their destination. The railroad was then built as far as Nevada and after reaching that point the family continued their journey to Boone, where they established their home, remaining there until the spring of 1866, when they went to Moin-gona. The father there worked for the railroad company and in 1886 went with his wife to Des Moines. The family, however, were reared in Boone county. Unto Mr. and Mrs. Patrick Egan eight children were born: P. C., of this review; James, a resident of Boone; Mrs. Bridget Landels and Mrs. Mary Ann O'Connel, both deceased; J. T., of Woodward; Mrs. Elizabeth Finland, whose home is in Des Moines; and two who died in infancy.

P. C. Egan acquired his education in the schools of this county and was about twenty-three years of age when his parents removed to Des Moines. In early life he had learned the blacksmith's trade, which he has always followed, and he and his brother Thomas now conduct a modern blacksmith shop in Woodward, where they do all kinds of manufacturing and repairing along that line. Before coming to Woodward, however, P. C. Egan located in Zena, Dallas county, and on the removal of the town in 1882 he became a resident of Woodward, where he has since remained with the exception of two years. His life has been one of unfaltering industry and energy and in the management of their business the brothers have been successful, securing a comfortable competency. P. C. Egan is interested along various mechanical lines, and he has ever sought to improve his work and give to his patrons the utmost satisfaction. He has overcome many difficulties and obstacles, steadily working his way upward through determination and energy, and there are in his life record many traits worthy of emulation.

In 1884 Mr. Egan was united in marriage to Miss Mary Wilsey, who was born in Illinois, April 18, 1865, and died in Woodward in 1894. They became the parents of a daughter, now Mrs. Myrtle Todd, who was born September 25, 1889, and is residing in Dallas county. In 1897 Mr. Egan was again married, his second union being with Sophia Harrison, who was born in Madrid, Iowa, December 31, 1875, but who was reared and educated in Boone county. The children of this marriage are: Marjorie, who was born in November, 1900, and is attending the Woodward public schools; and Charles, born January 29, 1910.

In his political views Mr. Egan is an earnest republican and has been active in the work of the party, his influence carrying weight in its local councils. He has held all of the local offices in Woodward except that of mayor and for the past twenty years has been a member of the board of education, with which he is still connected. The cause of the schools has indeed found in him a stalwart champion, and he has done everything in his power to advance their interests. His wife is a member of the Christian church, and he belongs to Peaceful Lodge, No. 454, A. F. & A. M., of Woodward, and to Woodward Lodge, No. 460, I. O. O. F. He has been captain of the famous World's Champion Degree Staff since its organization and has planned all of the drills therefor. His life is broad

in its interests and has been well spent. He and his family own and occupy a well furnished home in Woodward. Mr. Egan deserves much credit for what he has accomplished and of him it may be said:

"He looks the whole world in the face,
For he owes not any man."

ARTHUR BENJAMIN SILLIMAN.

Arthur Benjamin Silliman, chief clerk at Boone for the Northwestern Railroad Company, was born in Chester county, Pennsylvania, May 12, 1868, and is a son of Benson J. and Elizabeth A. (Buchanan) Silliman, the former a native of New York and the latter of Pennsylvania. The father studied dentistry and practiced the profession for many years, keeping in touch with the advanced ideas resulting from scientific investigation, research and broad experience. At the present writing, however, he is living retired. His wife passed away September 21, 1907, and her death was deeply regretted by many friends as well as by her immediate family. She left, beside the husband, a son and daughter: Minna, who is the wife of C. N. Green of Troy, Pennsylvania; and Arthur B.

The latter was sixteen years of age when he started out in the business world on his own account, being employed as a telegraph operator. He also took up the study of surveying and when twenty years of age he made his way westward to Denver, Colorado, where he ran the preliminary survey in connection with the work of bringing the water down from the Platte Canyon to Denver. He was afterward employed by a county surveyor there and subsequently went to Fort Worth, Texas, where he assisted in building an electric railroad through an addition which he helped lay out—Arlington Heights. He afterward accepted the position of agent for the Santa Fe Railroad Company at Ardmore, Indian Territory, where he remained for eight years. He was also representing the Associated Press at that time and sent to it the articles in regard to the Dalton train bandits. His sojourn in that section of the country made him widely acquainted with pioneer conditions in the southwest, and he also studied the methods of the government in relation to the Indians as well as other important problems relative to the settlement and upbuilding of that section of the country.

On the 4th of September, 1894, Mr. Silliman was united in marriage to Miss Nellie Whitbeck, a native of New York, and a daughter of G. R. and Jane (Norton) Whitbeck, who are also natives of the Empire state and are now living in St. Paul, Minnesota, where for eight years the father has conducted a successful business as a contractor and builder. In the Whitbeck family were three children: Blanch, the deceased wife of S. D. Dysinger; Mrs. Silliman; and Melissa, the wife of Dr. H. H. Malteson of Bellingham, Washington.

Unto Mr. and Mrs. Silliman have been born four children. De Wayne, who was born September 10, 1895, in Indian Territory, was graduated from the high school when seventeen years of age and is now attending Coe College at Cedar Rapids. Gilbert La Mont, born November 6, 1901, is also attending school. Lorenzo Martin was born November 14, 1904; and Delancy Eugene on the 1st of May, 1908.

On leaving the southwest, Mr. Silliman came to Boone in 1900 with the Northwestern Railroad Company. He occupied a clerical position for three years and was then advanced to the position of chief clerk, in which capacity he has continuously served since 1904, his record being most acceptable. He is interested in the public welfare and is now serving as a member of the city council, in which connection he does everything in his power to further the interests and promote the welfare of the community. He belongs to the Modern Woodmen of America and is a Royal Arch Mason, while his wife is a member of the Eastern Star. They hold membership in the Presbyterian church, and their interest and activities are such as place them among Boone's best citizens and win for them the warm and enduring regard of those with whom they are brought in contact.

PARIS ROY PHIPPS.

Paris Roy Phipps, who owns and operates a farm on section 33, Des Moines township, is one of Boone county's native sons, his birth occurring in Yell township on the 30th of August, 1869. His father, Hardin Phipps, was born in Owen county, Indiana, but when young was brought to Boone county, Iowa, where he grew to manhood and married Abigail Toliver, also a native of Owen county, Indiana. He died on the 19th of June, 1901, at the age of sixty-nine years, but she is still living at the age of seventy-three and makes her home in Boone. The children born to them were: Martha, now Mrs. William Henry Elsbury; Mrs. Abraham Hiatt, deceased; Sarah, the wife of W. F. Phipps of Fraser, Iowa; Hannah, the wife of Joseph Gillen; Paris Roy, of this review; George, of Fraser; Louisa, the wife of William George of Des Moines; Lizzie, the wife of George Phipps of Fraser; William, a resident of Boone; Rosie, the wife of John Gillen; and Ezekiel, of Webster City, Iowa.

Paris Roy Phipps was principally reared in Dodge township this county, and during his boyhood he attended the public schools there until thirteen years of age. He remained with his parents until he had attained his majority and was then married on the 10th of August, 1890, to Miss Rebecca Cline, who was born at a point called Daly's City in Yell township, August 26, 1869. Her girlhood, however, was passed in Jackson township, and after attending the public schools she entered Boone Normal. At the age of eighteen years she commenced teaching under Professor Chambers and continued to follow that profession for two years. Her father, Joseph J. W. Cline, was a native of Columbiana county, Ohio, and a farmer by occupation. During the Civil war he enlisted in an Iowa regiment, but being injured in battle, he returned home at the end of eight months. He married Miss Rebecca Jones, a daughter of Rev. Jackson and Rebecca (Cunningham) Jones. Her father was a minister of the United Brethren church. She was born in Pennsylvania, but in early life was taken to Columbiana county, Ohio, and she died in Jackson township, Boone county, Iowa, in 1901 at the age of seventy-nine years. Mr. Cline survived her for about eight years, passing away in 1909 at the age of eighty-five. They were both earnest and consistent members of the United Brethren church, and she was an active

worker in the Sunday school. In their family were ten children, namely: Gilruth, who served under General Grant in the Civil war for four years and eight months and now makes his home in Alton, Missouri; Nancy, the wife of John Moriorty, a resident of Iowa; Sarah, the wife of Patrick Quigley of Yell township; Elizabeth, the wife of Andrew Moriorty of Coatesville, Missouri; Abraham, of California; Jackson, of Alton, Missouri; Eldora, the wife of A. L. Bendow, of Minnesota; Hulda, the wife of Joseph Kidd, of Sioux City, Iowa; Florence, the wife of Benjamin Hickman, of Ogden; and Rebecca, the wife of our subject.

Mr. and Mrs. Phipps have one son, Orlando Blaine, who was born February 22, 1892, and pursued his early education in the public schools, but later attended the Biblical College and the Boone Business College. For ten years after his marriage Mr. Phipps made his home with his mother-in-law in Jackson township, but at the end of that time purchased eighty acres of land in Des Moines township, where he now makes his home. He has tiled the place and greatly improved it, has built an addition to the house and today has a very comfortable home. He added to his land until he had two hundred and twenty acres, but has since sold a portion of this and today owns forty acres on section 33. He holds membership in the Baptist church, but is at present attending the Methodist Episcopal church. In politics he is an ardent republican and takes a very commendable interest in those enterprises which he believes will advance the moral or public welfare.

JESSE DAVIS.

Jesse Davis, a retired farmer living on his finely improved place of one hundred and sixty acres on section 9, Worth township, has made his home here for the past third of a century. He was born in Harrison county, Ohio, October 4, 1844, and was eleven years of age when, in 1855, he came to Boone county, Iowa, with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Lewis Davis, who were farming people. Extended mention of the family is made in the sketch of Henry L. Davis which appears on another page of this work. Jesse Davis had but limited educational advantages, attending subscription schools only after his removal to Boone county. At the age of twenty-one years he commenced farming for himself and operated a part of the old homestead for about eight years. After his marriage, however, he purchased land and at different times owned several farms in Worth township, which he subsequently disposed of and finally became the owner of his present valuable farm, which is well tiled and is a very productive and well improved place. He carried on general farming and handled much stock, but is now practically living retired, while the land is cultivated by hired help.

In 1873 was celebrated the marriage of Mr. Davis and Miss Mary A. Hiatt, a daughter of James Hiatt, a pioneer carpenter and contractor. She was born in Indiana and was but three years of age when the family came to Boone county. Mr. and Mrs. Davis have had five children, namely: Lillie May, who is now the wife of C. H. Johnson and has one son, Harvey; Mrs. Ida Belle Dyer, who lives in the eastern part of Boone county and has one child, Rus-

sell; Albert, a farmer of Des Moines township who married Miss Carr and has two children, Marvin and Lester; Bessie, the deceased wife of a Mr. McQuilken; and one child who died in infancy unnamed.

Although Mr. Davis has always taken an active interest in public affairs, he has never accepted office, preferring to give his entire time to his farming interests. His political support has always been given the republican party. He is progressive and public-spirited and can always be relied upon to further any movement which he believes will prove of benefit to his locality.

RALPH R. COBB.

Ralph R. Cobb is well known in connection with educational and business interests in Boone and along both lines has contributed to the progress and promoted the welfare of the community. A broad-minded, cultured gentleman, his influence is ever on the side of right, justice, truth and improvement. He was born in Porter county, Indiana, April 21, 1872, and is a son of Henry A. and Sylva R. (Sawyer) Cobb, both of whom were natives of the Hoosier state. On the 1st of March, 1883, they arrived in Boone and are now residents of Jackson township, this county. In their family were three sons and four daughters: Ralph R., of this review; Bertha, who is the widow of Ira B. Johnson and makes her home in Boone; Agatha M., the wife of Dr. E. L. D. Montague, of Cedar Rapids; Frank F., who is living in Jackson township; J. Asa, whose home is in Sioux City, Iowa; Viola, the wife of Rev. Dow Crewdson, pastor of a church in Missouri Valley, Iowa; and Mattie M., who was a teacher in the graded schools of Logan and now makes her home with her parents.

Spending his youthful days under the parental roof, Ralph R. Cobb has resided during the greater part of his life in Boone county. His educational opportunities were those afforded by the common schools, supplemented by study in the Ames high school and in the Northern Indiana University at Valparaiso, from which he was graduated with the class of 1896. He then took up the profession of teaching, which he followed for eleven terms, being connected with the Madrid high school for four years. In 1903 he was elected county superintendent of the schools and in January, 1904, entered upon the duties of that position, in which he continued for seven years, during which time he greatly improved the conditions of the public schools and raised the standard of education in the county. He had the ability not only to impart clearly and readily to others the knowledge that he had acquired, but he also inspired teachers and pupils with much of his own zeal and interest in the work. After leaving the position of county superintendent he spent a few months in the Boone National Bank, in charge of the savings accounts. He afterward became one of the organizers of the Boone Blank Book Company, which is one of the important manufacturing interests of this part of the state. He is still connected therewith as one of the directors.

On the 15th of November, 1904, Mr. Cobb was united in marriage to Miss Mary H. Heward, a native of Bureau county, Illinois, and unto them has been born a daughter, Lois H., whose natal day was May 19, 1907. Mr. Cobb votes



RALPH R. COBB

with the republican party and has always strongly indorsed its principles. He has made a study of political conditions and is always ready to support his position by intelligent argument. His fraternal relations are with the Masons and the Knights of Pythias, and both he and his wife hold membership in the Presbyterian church. They are prominent in the social circles of the city and are recognized leaders where intelligence and culture are received as passports into good society. Wherever known, and his professional and business interests have brought him a wide acquaintance, Mr. Cobb is held in the highest regard and the circle of his friends in Boone county is an extensive one.

WALTER E. BURRELL.

For many years Walter E. Burrell was actively identified with the agricultural interests of Boone county, but is now living retired in Woodward. He was born in Sandusky county, Ohio, May 11, 1837, and is a son of Alexander and Cynthia (Baker) Burrell. The father was born in Scotland in 1779 and often remarked that he was three years younger than the United States. In early life he came to the United States, while the mother's birth occurred in New York in 1804. In 1842, when the subject of this review was but a small child, the family removed to Michigan, making the trip overland with an ox team, but after spending one year in that state they went to Illinois and in 1857 came to Boone county, Iowa, locating upon a farm in Yell township. In this county the parents spent their last days, the father dying in Peoples township in 1872 and the mother in Cass township in 1886. They had ten children, of whom two sons are still living, namely: Walter E., of this sketch; and Robert, a resident of Perry, Iowa. Those deceased are Alexander, Cynthia, Mrs. Betsy Pardee, Mrs. Elizabeth Olmsted, Mrs. Susan Miller, Mrs. Margaret Chapman, William and Adam. The seven older children were born in New York and the others in Ohio.

Walter E. Burrell was twenty years of age when he became a resident of Boone county, and after living for some time in Yell township the family removed to Peoples township in 1862. He early became familiar with agricultural pursuits and for some time worked for neighboring farmers along the Des Moines river. After his marriage he followed farming in Cass township until 1903, when he and his wife removed to Woodward and in 1914 he purchased the modern residence which they now occupy and in which they expect to spend their declining years, surrounded by every comfort as well as many of the luxuries of life. Besides his well furnished home here he still owns a valuable farm of four hundred acres on sections 29, 30, 31 and 32, Cass township, improved with good buildings. His wife owns an eighty acre tract of excellent land on section 13, which is also improved and under excellent cultivation. Thoroughly understanding the occupation to which he devoted the active years of his life, Mr. Burrell met with most excellent success and is now able to enjoy a comfortable competence. A portion of his land has recently been secured by the state of Iowa, which expects in the near future to erect thereon a home for epileptics.

It was on the 14th of August, 1867, in Boone county, that Mr. Burrell was united in marriage to Miss Eliza J. Rowley, who was born in Wisconsin, September 9, 1847, and came to Boone county with her parents in 1867, the family locating upon a farm in Peoples township. Her father, L. Nathan Rowley, was born in Steuben county, New York, March 26, 1816, and died in Woodward, Iowa, April 26, 1902. He was married October 20, 1842, to Miss Sarah Sitler, who was born in Crawford county, Pennsylvania, December 2, 1820, and died in Woodward, December 20, 1898. They were among the pioneers of Wisconsin, having removed to that state in 1845. Their children were as follows: Mrs. Mary Bates, who was born December 12, 1843, and now resides in Troutdale, Oregon; George W., who was born June 1, 1845, and also makes his home in Oregon; Eliza J., now Mrs. Burrell; Charles, who died at the age of six weeks; Annie, who died at the age of two years; Mrs. Sarah Ellen Caylor, who was born in 1852 and lives in Woodward, Iowa; Ward, who was born in 1854 and resides in Anglin, Washington; Mrs. Ann M. Watts, who was born in 1856 and makes her home in Beatrice, Nebraska; Eugene K., who was born in 1858 and died in Alaska; and Warren W., who was born in 1860 and died in April, 1884. The two eldest children were born in Crawford county, Pennsylvania, and the others in Wisconsin.

Mr. and Mrs. Burrell have become the parents of ten children, all born in Boone county; Marion W., who was born June 8, 1868, and lives in Peoples township; Eva Leona, who was born June 1, 1870, and died December 4, 1875; Mrs. Ellen Pierce, who was born June 6, 1872, and makes her home in Thompson, Iowa; Delavan Victor, who was born November 10, 1874, and lives at Rocky Ford, Colorado; Sarah and Cynthia, twins, who were born in 1877 and died in infancy; Carrie and Clara, twins, who were born May 6, 1880, the former dying at the age of two months, while the latter is now Mrs. Noland and resides in Cass township, this county; Gladden Alvin, who was born July 15, 1884, and lives in Cass township; and Mrs. Thora Eliza Small, who was born October 22, 1888, and makes her home in Cass township. The children were all given good educational advantages and after attending the common schools of the community Marion was a student at Drake University at Des Moines, while Delavan and Mrs. Noland attended Highland Park College of the same city and Gladden attended Highland Park College and Simpson College at Indianola.

The republican party finds in Mr. Burrell a staunch supporter of its principles, and for a number of years he served as trustee of Cass township. He and his family hold membership in the Methodist Episcopal church and are held in the highest regard by all who know them.

ISAAC NEWTON WOODS.

The raising of live stock features as one of the chief activities on the farm of Isaac Newton Woods, who lives on section 36, Peoples township, where he owns sixty acres of land that is rich and arable and which he has brought to a high state of cultivation.

A native son of Boone county, Mr. Woods was born in Cass township, December 5, 1850, a son of John Woods, who was born in Highland county, Ohio, in 1824. The father possessed marked mechanical ability and built a mill dam at what was then known as Elk Rapids, completing the work in its entirety. He married Susannah Rhodes, also a native of Highland county, Ohio, and after living for a number of years in Boone county they removed to Kansas, where their last days were spent. It was in the year 1849 that they arrived in Iowa—just three years after the admission of the state into the Union. They made the overland trip to Cass township, where they took up their abode upon a farm, at which period there were few settlements in this part of the state. All around them was wild, unbroken prairie covered with the native grasses that grew to great height. In the winter seasons there was a broad, unbroken, dazzling sheet of snow. It required much arduous labor to break the sod and develop the fields, but the work was resolutely carried forward by the early settlers, whose trading point was at Des Moines or rather at Fort Des Moines, for at that time the settlements were all along the river, which was the only means of transportation except by private conveyance, so that the early settlers naturally took up their abode along the streams.

Mr. and Mrs. John Woods had a family of eleven children: W. W., who is now residing in Kansas; Isaac N., of this review; Daniel W., Louis and Joseph Henry, now deceased; Mrs. Anna Miller, who resides in Portland, Oregon; Mrs. Susan Carroll, a resident of Woodward, Iowa; Sarah Elizabeth, who died in infancy; Mrs. Maggie Heath, of Portland, Oregon; Mrs. Emma Cooper, of Portland, Oregon; and Mrs. Hattie Meir, of Kansas. With the exception of the eldest, all were born in Boone county and all were reared here, attending the public schools.

Isaac Newton Woods had the usual experiences of the farm lad who acquires a public-school education through attendance during the winter seasons and gains practical knowledge of farm labor through work in the fields during the summer months. He was a student in the schools at Elk Rapids, and throughout his entire life he has continued his residence in Boone county, where he has followed farming and stock-raising since attaining man's estate.

He was married in Dallas county, Iowa, December 3, 1873, to Miss Laura A. Guthrie, who was born in Richland county, Ohio, August 12, 1853. Her parents came overland to Dallas county in 1854 and settled upon a farm. Her father, Francis E. Guthrie, was born in Richland county, Ohio, April 8, 1810, and died in Dallas county, Iowa, March 5, 1875. His wife, who bore the maiden name of Matilda E. Stuart, a native of New York, was born January 15, 1813, and her last days were spent in Dallas county, where she passed away February 27, 1887. There were nine children in the Guthrie family, of whom three are living: Mrs. Elinor Russell, who was born August 31, 1838, and resides in Denver, Colorado; Mrs. Anna Wallace, who was born on the 2d of March, 1840, and passed away March 29, 1891; Wesley, born November 20, 1842, who enlisted as a member of Company B, Fifteenth Iowa Volunteer Infantry, on the 15th of October, 1861, and died in the army on June 11, 1862; James Harvey, born August 4, 1844, who enlisted for service in the Union army in the Tenth Iowa Volunteer Infantry and while at the front contracted the measles, from which he never fully recovered, his death taking place February 27, 1889; Sarah,

whose birth occurred September 16, 1846, and who passed away August 22, 1849; William Scott, born July 22, 1850, who resides at Adel and serves as treasurer of Dallas county, Iowa; an infant which died on the day of its birth—June 29, 1852; Mrs. Laura A. Woods; and George Washington, who was born April 21, 1856, and died at Denver, Colorado, on the 2d of December, 1886. All were born in Ohio except the youngest, whose birth occurred in Dallas county, where the family was reared, the sons and daughters attending the public schools near the old homestead. Mr. and Mrs. Guthrie were among the most highly esteemed pioneer residents of Dallas county.

Unto Mr. and Mrs. Woods have been born three children: Lottie Evelyn, who was born August 25, 1874, and died in Peoples township, March 18, 1897; George Clyde, who was born September 22, 1878, and is residing with his parents on the farm; and Mrs. Bessie M. Chandler, who was born July 25, 1887, and makes her home in Dallas county. The last named has two daughters: Ireta, who was born in Boone county, July 7, 1910; and June, born in Dallas county, June 28, 1912. The family home is situated on section 36, Peoples township, the farm comprising sixty acres of good land which responds readily to the care and cultivation bestowed upon it. Mr. Woods also raises a good grade of live stock. His activity, however, has not been confined merely to lines contributing to his individual success. He has done much valuable work of a public character but he has never consented to hold office, although many times solicited to do so. He gives his political allegiance to the republican party, and he and his family are members of the Methodist Episcopal church. His influence is always on the side of right, reform, progress and improvement and his worth is widely acknowledged.

HENRY FRY.

On the list of honored dead in Boone county appears the name of Henry Fry, who was called to his final rest in 1910. He was a prominent farmer and dairyman of Des Moines township, where he took up his abode in 1861, there continuing until his demise. He was born in Gouverneur, St. Lawrence county, New York, and was a son of Henry and Mary Fry. The family were wealthy farmers and dairymen of that section of the state. The parents had ten children, who were reared upon the old homestead in New York, Henry Fry having the same experiences as the others of the household. As the family were in comfortable circumstances, he did not have to face the deprivations which many a farm lad has had to meet. He was trained in the work of the fields and the dairy and continued to engage in the dairy business in the east until 1861, when he removed to the middle west, establishing his home in Boone county.

It was near Boone, in 1863, that Mr. Fry was united in marriage to Mrs. Mary J. Frampton, nee Boggs, who was born in Bellefonte, Center county, Pennsylvania, on the 11th of August, 1831, a daughter of John H. and Catherine (Hoover) Boggs, both of whom were natives of Center county. They removed to Clarion county, Pennsylvania, and upon proceeding to the Mississippi valley settled in La Salle county, Illinois, in 1856. After a residence of five years there

they came to Iowa, establishing their home in Boone county, where both passed away, the father dying about twenty-five years ago at the age of eighty-seven years, while the mother died thirty years ago at the age of eighty. John H. Boggs was active and prominent in local public affairs as well as in agricultural circles. He filled various county offices, the duties of which he discharged with promptness and fidelity, and he was also active in church work, being a local preacher of the Methodist Episcopal denomination. His daughter Mrs. Frampton was the fourth in order of birth in a family of twelve children, of whom two daughters and three sons are yet living. It was in Pennsylvania, in 1850, that Mary J. Boggs became the wife of W. E. Frampton, who died in that state on the 1st of February, 1861. They were the parents of five children, all of whom yet survive: Abram E., who follows farming near Boone; John B., a passenger engineer on the Chicago & Northwestern, living at Boone; George, who follows farming; Mrs. W. M. Wheelock, of Boone, in which city her husband engages in merchandising; and Mrs. Frank Farron, of Long Beach, California. Mr. and Mrs. Fry became parents of two children: H. E., now a practicing lawyer of Boone; and Lillian, the wife of Warren McMahon, who is foreman of the machine department for the Chicago & Northwestern.

After establishing his home in this county Henry Fry concentrated his energies upon general agricultural pursuits and became the owner of a fine farm of one hundred and sixty acres, which he brought to a high state of cultivation. His labors were crowned with success, for the practical and progressive methods which he followed in developing his farm resulted in producing good crops, for which he found a ready sale. His business affairs, too, were capably managed, and he became one of the well-to-do agriculturists of his part of the state. His religious faith was that of the Methodist church, to the teachings of which he was most loyal. Mrs. Fry has been a member of the Methodist church for seventy years and has lived an earnest, consistent Christian life, winning the kindly regard and respect of all. Four years have come and gone since Henry Fry passed away, but he is yet remembered by many who knew him while he was still an active factor in the world's work and who had learned to value his friendship and respect him for his genuine worth of character.

LOUIS STOLL.

It is not often that one finds at the early age of twenty-two a man as a successful manager and owner of a profitable business, but such is the case in the instance of Louis Stoll, a young business man of Boone, who is the proprietor of Stoll's Bottling Works. He has not only built up a profitable trade in soft drinks, such as high grade soda waters, ciders and other temperance beverages, but has also an important wholesale business, jobbing in crushed fruits, concentrated syrups and grape juice. He also handles liquid gas for bars and soda fountains and is agent for a sweeping compound.

Mr. Stoll was born December 3, 1891, on a farm in Harrison township, Boone county, his parents being Henry and Catherine (Hagge) Stoll. The former was born on the 10th of November, 1839, in Mecklenburg, Germany. He

received a public-school education and assisted with the farm work on his father's farm until 1867, when he sailed from Hamburg to New York. He arrived in the eastern metropolis with his wife and one child in the fall of that year and went direct to Chicago. He obtained work on a farm near Blue Island, Illinois, and was so engaged for a period of two years, after which he assumed the entire management of a farm in the same locality. This remained his home for seven years, after which he removed to Harrison township, Boone county, arriving in 1876. He purchased one hundred and twenty acres of land, for which he paid nine dollars an acre. He cultivated this farm for fifteen years and then sold it, buying one hundred and sixty acres also in Harrison township. He remained upon that place for ten years, giving his attention to its cultivation, but upon the expiration of that period removed to Boone because of failing health. He at first rented his land but has since sold it and is living in quiet retirement. He was married in Germany to Miss Sophie Mindermann, by whom he had two sons and two daughters, the daughters both passing away in infancy. August also died as an infant and Carl was called to the home beyond when a young man of twenty-six years and a resident of Boone county. Mrs. Stoll passed away in 1877 and Mr. Stoll subsequently married the mother of our subject, also a native of Germany. Her parents died in the fatherland and she came to the new world with a brother. Four children were born to the second union: Elvina, now Mrs. Diedrich Mock and the mother of four children; Mathilde, who married William Doering, a well known farmer of Boone county; Louis, the subject of this review; and a son who died in infancy. The father is a member of the German Lutheran church, while his political allegiance is given to the democratic party. He has never desired public office but has always manifested a laudable public spirit, being willing to aid in any worthy project.

The boyhood of Louis Stoll was passed upon the father's farm and in the acquirement of his education he attended the country schools and those of Boone. He began his primary education under instruction from Miss Sarah Duffy and completed his lessons under Professor Jarelzke in Boone at the age of eighteen years. During vacations he assisted his father with the work on the farm, but in 1900 the latter and family came to Boone, where Mr. Stoll continued his education, employing his vacations by accepting work in the bottling works of Ed Seling. In 1907 he became a regular employe of the firm and in 1912 was enabled to buy out Mr. Seling, becoming the owner of a well established business. In 1913 he began the erection of his present building, which was completed in 1914. Mr. Stoll has been most successful in pursuing his business affairs, being buoyed by a youthful enthusiasm which has helped him to overcome many difficulties. His business judgment, however, is well defined and would be a credit to a man of many more years. Mr. Stoll is an aggressive young man, eager to make a success and win for himself a substantial place in the community. Yet he is considerate of the interests of others and in every possible way promotes the welfare of his community. He is not only already on the threshold of success but is well upon the way to financial independence.

On January 7, 1913, Mr. Stoll married Miss Helen Frank of Boone county and a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. George Frank. Louis Stoll is a member of the Lutheran church and his wife gives her adherence to the Catholic faith.

He is a democrat and thoroughly in accord with the ideas and aims of that party. Mr. and Mrs. Stoll reside at No. 1222 Marshall street in Boone and are popular among the younger set of Boone's society. Both are esteemed and appreciated as courteous, pleasant-mannered, affable people who are an adornment to any social gathering.

PETER L. HASSTEDT.

Peter L. Hasstedt has been very successful in his farming operations and now derives tribute from a well cultivated property of two hundred and forty acres, situated on sections 34 and 35, Amaqua township. Boone county has reason to be proud to number him among her native sons. He was born in Des Moines township, February 9, 1872, and is a son of John and Geshia (Brossie) Hasstedt, who were natives of Germany. The father came to America in early life and remained for a time in New York, where he was employed in a sugar factory. He afterward made his way to the middle west, settling in Rock Island, and some time afterward came to Boone county, Iowa, where he engaged in farming. He purchased land in Des Moines township, which he improved and cultivated, continuing to carry on general agricultural pursuits there until his death, which occurred on the 11th of May, 1903. Indolence and idleness were utterly foreign to his nature. He worked persistently and energetically as the years went on, and the result of his labors was seen in splendidly tilled fields. He had long survived his wife, who died in January, 1877.

Peter L. Hasstedt was reared and educated in Des Moines township. He was but five years of age at the time of his mother's death. He afterward remained with his father and was trained in all of the work of the farm, so that he had practical experience to aid him when he started out in business life on his own account. On attaining his majority he sought employment as a farm hand and spent four years in that way. He afterward worked for one year in the railroad shops at Boone, but, thinking to find agricultural life more congenial, he then rented land in Des Moines township and began farming for himself. After three years he removed to a place near Ogden, where he lived for a year, and on the expiration of that period took up his abode upon his present farm as a renter. He continued to lease the property until 1912, when he purchased the place and is, therefore, today the owner of one of the excellent farms of the county, comprising one hundred and sixty acres on section 34 and eighty acres on section 35, Amaqua township. He has wrought many changes in the appearance of his farm through his practical methods of developing the fields and also through the buildings he has erected and the manner in which he keeps everything about the place in good repair.

On the 1st of February, 1899, Mr. Hasstedt was married to Miss Annie M. Hagge, a daughter of Hans and Catherine (Kuhl) Hagge. Mr. and Mrs. Hasstedt have five children: John F., fourteen years of age; Minehart H., aged thirteen; Emil E., ten years; Dora C., nine years; and Josephine G., a little maiden of six summers. Mr. Hasstedt exercises his right of franchise in support of the men and measures of the republican party. He and his family attend

the German Lutheran church, in which he holds membership. His has been an active and well spent life, and he deserves much credit for what he has accomplished. He is, indeed, a self-made man and whatever he has achieved is the result of his well directed labors. He early recognized the eternal principle that industry wins and industry became the beacon light of his life. He also recognized the fact that ambition tauntingly plays before the dreamer, but yields the fruits of success to the man of persistent, earnest purpose. Working on year by year he has utilized his time and opportunities to good advantage and is now one of the substantial and highly respected farmers of Amaqua township.

WILLIAM PALMER.

Throughout Boone county are found many evidences of the skill and handiwork of William Palmer, now a retired brick layer and contractor. He became connected with business of that character in Boonesboro in 1866 and for the past thirty-five years has been in Boone. He assisted in the erection of many of the substantial structures here, including the courthouse, which was built in 1867. Close application and well developed powers made him an expert workman, and his allegiance to the terms of a contract that was awarded him became proverbial.

Mr. Palmer came to the middle west from New England. He was born in Plainfield, Windham county, Connecticut, June 22, 1834, his parents being Henry and Caroline (Dorance) Palmer, who continued in Connecticut until called to their final rest. The father, who was a farmer by occupation, died in the winter of 1835-6. In the family were but two sons, the brother of our subject being George H. Palmer, who was born in 1833 and is now occupying the old homestead in Connecticut.

William Palmer left home at the age of seventeen years and started upon a whaling cruise, which left New London, as "fo' castle boy." Later he became a regular hand and followed the sea for five years. He was upon other vessels, handling timber and other commodities along the Atlantic coast and also engaging in mackerel fishing. He was a strong, healthy boy and greatly enjoyed his sailor life. While a sailor he was wrecked on the Bay of the Holy Cross off the coast of Asia, but managed to get aboard another vessel and was taken to the Sandwich islands, where he remained for a month in care of the American consul. He then shipped on another vessel to California and made his way back in a schooner loaded with potatoes. Then by another ship he sailed around Cape Horn and eventually returned home. He finally quit the sea at his mother's request and made his way westward to the Mississippi valley. It was in the year 1856 that he arrived in Marion, Linn county, Iowa, where he began learning the brick layer's trade. In 1859 he went to Denver and in the spring of 1860 made his way to Hannibal, Missouri, where he was working at the time of the outbreak of the Civil war. Mr. Palmer watched with interest the progress of events in the south and as the situation became more and more alarming his spirit of patriotism grew. In 1861 he went to Muscatine, Iowa, where on the

31st of August, 1861, he enlisted for service in the Second Iowa Cavalry, with which he remained for thirty-seven months and three days, at the end of which time he was honorably discharged. Although frequently in the very center of a battle he was never injured during his long service, managing to escape unharmed, though he often faced a rain of rebel lead. He was made a corporal and was mustered out as such in October, 1864.

Mr. Palmer returned to Marion, Iowa, and followed farming in Linn county for a year. In May, 1866, he arrived in Boone county, having made the journey on horseback from Linn county. From that time forward he was connected with the trade of brick laying either as employe or employer. For years he was a partner of William A. Austin, who now resides on a fine farm at Wildcat Grove in Linn county. That partnership existed for three years, at the end of which time Mr. Austin returned to Linn county, after which Mr. Palmer remained alone in business until he retired from active life about ten years ago. In the meantime he gradually advanced until he conducted a most extensive business as a contractor. He assisted not only in the building of the courthouse in 1867 but in the erection of many of the buildings in the fifth ward and other places in the city and county of Boone. His expert workmanship was a recognized fact and, moreover, it was well known that he was thoroughly reliable in all of his business dealings. At length, having acquired a substantial competence as the result of his years of close application and capable business management, he retired and through the past decade has spent his days in the enjoyment of a rest which he has truly earned and richly deserves.

Mr. Palmer was married at Marion, Iowa, in 1867, to Miss Sarah J. Scott, who was born in Knox county, Ohio, a daughter of Hugh N. and Sarah A. (Madden) Scott, the former a cabinetmaker and carpenter. Her father came to Iowa in 1853, settling at Marion, where he purchased land and carried on general agricultural pursuits until his death. His wife passed away during the period of the Civil war. They were the parents of three children, and one son is now engaged in farming in Linn county. Unto Mr. and Mrs. Palmer have been born six children, Boone being the birthplace of all. Harry D., the eldest, is married, and is now conducting a rooming and boarding house at Sparks, Nevada, where he is also engaged in the real-estate business. Corace has secured a claim at Hereford, Arizona, near the Mexican border, where he is now living. Frances is the widow of O. M. Carpenter and a resident of Pasadena, California. Nellie is the wife of Karl C. Kastberg, city engineer of Boone and superintendent of the water works, by whom she has one son, Matthew Palmer Kastberg. Nettie, twin sister of Nellie, is now in Des Moines. Anna M. is the wife of Andrew Schroeder, owner of a grocery and meat market in Boone, and they have one son, William Palmer Schroeder.

Mr. Palmer built his first home at old Boonesboro and later erected his present fine residence at No. 315 Story street in Boone. His political indorsement is given to the republican party, and for one term he served as councilman but has not been an office seeker. He belongs to W. C. Crooks Post, No. 329, G. A. R., and is affiliated with the Masonic fraternity. He was initiated into the order in Linn county in 1866 and is probably the oldest member of Mount Olive Lodge, F. & A. M., of Boone. His three daughters, Mrs. Kastberg, Mrs. Schroeder and Miss Nettie, are members of the Order of the Eastern Star and the first two are

also members of the Progress Club and other social organizations and of the Women's Christian Temperance Union. The family attend the Methodist church, although Mr. Palmer was reared a Congregationalist. He has reached the venerable age of eighty years and is a well preserved man mentally and physically. His life history has presented many noble phases of character, which constitute the source of the high regard in which he is uniformly held.

FREDERICK JACKSON BYINGTON.

Ambition, determination and close application are the qualities by which Frederick Jackson Byington has reached an important position in the railroad world at a comparatively early age. He is now superintendent of the western division of the Northwestern Railroad Company with headquarters at Boone and has been connected with that road for twenty-four years. He began his railroad career as a messenger boy in the Northwestern office at Rochelle, Illinois. There he was born September 3, 1876, his parents being Albert and Mattie (Bull) Byington. His paternal grandfather lived in Connecticut and was a mechanic. The family were Puritans and of English descent. The father, as a young man, migrated to the middle west and was married in Byron, Illinois. He had received a good common-school education in Ithaca, New York, and was on intimate terms of friendship with Cornell, the founder of Cornell University. He took up pattern-making in Rochelle, Illinois, and operated one of the first iron foundries there, shipping his castings to Chicago, something which was not thought of in those days by other manufacturers. He remained in that business for many years and then retired, now living with our subject. He is a member of the Presbyterian church, yet not strictly denominational, forming his own ideas in regard to religious teachings. He is a staunch republican and his views are in accord with the aims and purposes of that party. His wife died in 1881 at the age of thirty-five years. To them were born the following children: Glenn, a contractor of Rochelle, Illinois; Dean, who married Florence Heffler and is a manufacturer of brushes in Aurora, Kane county, Illinois; and Frederick Jackson.

The last named attended the public schools of Rochelle until thirteen years of age, laying there a good general foundation for his career. He then became a messenger boy in the railroad office of the Northwestern, learning telegraphy there. When fourteen years of age he was an operator, being located in Oak Park, Cook county, Illinois, for one year, after which he made a tour through the west, southwest and Mexico, acting as telegraph operator during this time. At seventeen he was made train despatcher on the Milwaukee division of the Northwestern, which responsible position he filled to the satisfaction of his superiors. He spent three years there and was then transferred to Belle Plaine, Iowa, in the same capacity. After a year he was removed to Chadron, Nebraska, and was subsequently stationed at Evanston, Wyoming; Pocatello, Idaho; North Platte, Nebraska; Ashland, Wisconsin; Oshkosh, Wisconsin; and Fond du Lac, that state. In all these cities he acted as train despatcher and came in that capacity to Boone in 1902. He was night train despatcher and day chief despatcher until January, 1910, when he was sent to Baraboo, Wisconsin, as assistant

superintendent, remaining in that city in that position until January, 1913, when he returned to Boone as superintendent of the western division of the Northwestern Railroad. He has since discharged the duties of this very important office and stands high in the confidence and esteem of the directors and high officials of the road. He is a useful and trustworthy railroad man and a public-spirited citizen, much interested in the progress of Boone and ever ready to give his support to worthy enterprises of public character.

On the 30th of July, 1902, Mr. Byington was united in marriage to Miss Edith Zalesky, the ceremony taking place at Belle Plaine, Iowa. She is a daughter of Joseph and Amelia (Crystal) Zalesky, and bore her husband the following children: Frederick Jackson, born February 24, 1904, in Boone; and Corinne, born November 11, 1905.

Mr. Byington is a member of the Presbyterian church and gives his moral and material support to that organization. His political faith connects him with the republican party, although he is to a large degree independent, particularly in local issues, preferring to support the men best fitted for the office to which he aspires regardless of his party affiliations. Fraternally he belongs to the blue lodge of Masons at Ashland, Wisconsin, being a member of Landmark Lodge, No. 41. He practices the benevolent principles of his order in his everyday life and thoroughly believes in the brotherhood of man. He is highly esteemed by his employes, who regard him with respect and all of whom consider him their friend. Thoroughly efficient, trustworthy and faithful, Mr. Byington is an ideal type of railroad man and yet higher honors may be prophesied for him in the future.

FRANK G. PETERSON.

Frank G. Peterson, of Boone, is one of that city's well known and successful business men, being a member of the firm of Hartman & Peterson, wagon manufacturers and blacksmiths. He was born in Sweden on May 25, 1858, and is a son of Per Erson and Magdalena (Anderson) Peterson. The father was a well-to-do farmer in his native land, where he passed away at the age of forty-nine, in 1879. His widow is still living there, at the age of eighty-four. Their children were: Per, of Sweden; Andrew, deceased; Frank G., our subject; Anna, who is married and lives in Sweden; Olaf, a farmer of California; Lars, of Sweden; and William, an agriculturist, of Madrid, Iowa.

Frank G. Peterson attended the public schools of his native land until sixteen years of age, when he began work, assisting his father. He subsequently learned the blacksmith's trade and came to America in 1880, when twenty-two years of age, sailing from Stockholm to New York. He remained for six months in New York and then came to Boone, where he had friends and relatives. Here he remained until the fall of that year and then went to Dayton, Iowa, where he was employed at his trade for six months. He then established himself independently in Pilot Mound, where he remained until his marriage, after which he returned to Boone. From 1883 until 1891 he held the position of engineer at Reed's flour mill and then moved to Madrid, buying an interest

in the Davis Milling Company. He continued with that firm for a year and a half and then ran a general merchandise store for a year. In July, 1893, he returned to Boone and ran a blacksmith shop for six months alone. He then formed a partnership with Theodore Thompson, and for seventeen years they operated a general repair blacksmith shop and wagon factory. In 1912 he established his present business with Perry Hartman. Mr. Peterson enjoys a large and profitable trade which is justified by the high quality of the work turned out. He has not only large experience in his line, but is also a good business man and is today numbered among the substantial citizens of Boone.

On July 25, 1883, Frank G. Peterson married Miss Christina Shold of Dayton, Iowa, a daughter of Olaf and Annie Shold. They reside at No. 310 Greene street, Boone, and there they often entertain their many friends. Mr. and Mrs. Peterson have the following children: Tharon Frank, a graduate mechanical engineer, who for a time was located in Highland Park and Lansing, Michigan, and then was sent to Adelaide, Australia, where he died of pneumonia in June, 1913; Carl E., a farmer in Colorado; and Louise, aged fourteen.

Mr. and Mrs. Peterson are members of the Methodist Episcopal church, of which he is a trustee. Politically he is a republican and served as councilman from the third ward for two terms or four years. Fraternally he belongs to the Modern Woodmen. Mr. Peterson is entitled to great credit for what he has achieved in life, as he has built his career and success entirely through his own efforts. He is ever interested in public enterprises and more than ready to give material support to any good cause.

CARL O. NELSON, M. D. C.

Dr. Carl O. Nelson, of Ogden, Iowa, is not only very successful in the field of veterinary surgery but also conducts a profitable livery business. Dr. Nelson is yet a comparatively young man and stands but on the threshold of a successful career. He was born in Des Moines, Iowa, July 23, 1880, and is a son of Peter and Mary (Anderson) Nelson, natives of Sweden, who after crossing the ocean located in Des Moines, Iowa, at an early day in that city's history. The father was a grading contractor and also gave considerable attention to farming, following both occupations to the end of his days. He passed away March 15, 1905, being survived by his wife.

Dr. Nelson was reared and educated in Des Moines. After completing his preliminary education he entered the Chicago Veterinary College, from which he graduated with the class of 1908, on April 1 of that year. Shortly thereafter he came to Ogden, where he established himself in practice. He has ever since been located in this city and has built up a large and profitable patronage. He is well versed in the scientific branches of veterinary surgery and in the years that have passed has gained in experience. Some time after locating here Dr. Nelson acquired a livery barn, which he is now conducting and which is the only barn in Ogden. He buys and sells horses and mules and his judgment of these animals is entirely to be relied upon. In all his business pursuits he has

proven himself a man of honorable principles and in full measure enjoys the confidence of those who have business relations with him.

In March, 1910, Dr. Nelson was united in marriage to Miss Effie Olson, a daughter of Carl and Mary Olson, natives of Sweden, who were pioneers of Sac county, this state. Both father and mother are now living retired at Odebolt, Iowa. Mr. and Mrs. Nelson are popular in social circles of Ogden. Fraternally he is a member of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows and gives his political allegiance to the republican party, although he has no aspirations for public office. He takes a lively interest in the development of his section and is ever ready to give his support to beneficial measures. Although yet young in years, he owns a valuable business and a handsome residence. Along professional lines he is connected with the Iowa and Missouri Valley Veterinary Associations and in exchanging views with the brethren of his profession keeps in touch with the latest scientific developments in veterinary science. His religious faith is that of the Swedish Lutheran church. Dr. Nelson is a valuable citizen of Ogden, who through his activities contributes toward the advancement of this city.

KARL C. KASTBERG.

Karl C. Kastberg, who since 1903 has filled the position of city engineer and superintendent of the city waterworks at Boone, is well qualified by experience and careful training for the position which he now so acceptably fills. He was born at Des Moines, November 28, 1874, and is a son of Mads and Wilhelmina (Groneman) Kastberg, the former a native of Schleswig-Holstein, then a part of Denmark, and the latter a native of Hanover, Germany. The father was born on the 15th of February, 1846, and after spending the first twenty years of his life on the European continent, crossed the Atlantic to the new world about 1866. He did not tarry on the eastern coast, but made his way at once into the interior of the country, settling first at Muscatine, Iowa. He afterward removed to Des Moines, where he was engaged in merchandising along various lines. Later he took up the business of contracting and at one time was assessor of Des Moines, in which city he still makes his home. His wife, who was born in Hanover on the 14th of February, 1851, came to this country about the same time as Mr. Kastberg, who later sought and won her hand in marriage. They became parents of three children: Karl C.; Johannah, the wife of H. P. Hansen of Cheyenne, Wyoming; and Martha, the wife of the Rev. Horace Martin of Atchison, Kansas.

Spending his youthful days in his native city, Karl C. Kastberg attended the public schools and passed through consecutive grades until graduated from the high school of East Des Moines with the class of 1891. He afterward entered the State Agricultural College at Ames, where he pursued an engineering course, studying there from 1891 until 1893. He afterward secured a position in connection with the engineering department at Des Moines, where he remained until 1895. Subsequently he spent about a year with the Iowa Central Railroad at Marshalltown as assistant civil engineer and later took up the study of en-

gineering at Drake University in Des Moines, where he remained until 1897. He then reentered the engineering department in that city, spending a year or more in that connection. In 1898 he entered the employ of the Chicago, Burlington & Quincy Railroad, his duties taking him to various points in Nebraska, Wyoming and Montana during the years 1899, 1900 and 1901, during which time he acted as civil engineer on construction. In 1902 he accepted the position of assistant engineer in the city engineering department of Des Moines and in 1903 he came to Boone as city engineer and superintendent of the city waterworks, in which position he has now served eleven years. The record which he has made in this office is one most acceptable to the public, for he is prompt, reliable and efficient.

On the 26th of October, 1904, Mr. Kastberg was united in marriage to Miss Nell Palmer of Boone, a daughter of William and Jane (Scott) Palmer, who were early settlers of this city. Mr. and Mrs. Kastberg have one child, Mathew Palmer, born on the 1st of September, 1905. Mr. Kastberg is well known in fraternal circles, holding membership with the Independent Order of Odd Fellows, the Benevolent Protective Order of Elks and the Masonic fraternity, in which he has taken the degrees of lodge, chapter and commandery. He is independent in politics, voting as his judgment dictates, and he has never sought office outside the strict path of his profession. As an engineer, his ability has increased with the exercise of effort, and his experience, thorough training and devotion to his duty have gained him positions of responsibility.

GEORGE L. STARK.

George L. Stark is successfully engaged in farming, owning and cultivating a tract of twenty-five acres inside the corporation limits of Pilot Mound. His birth occurred in Dodge township, Boone county, Iowa, on the 1st of August, 1863, his parents being Ansel and Louisa (Defore) Stark, both of whom were natives of Indiana. They took up their abode among the earliest settlers of this county, and Ansel Stark here enlisted for service in the Civil war. He was killed under the command of General Sherman, in the battle of Atlanta, thus laying down his life on the altar of his country. The mother of our subject, who married a second time, still resides in Boone and is the widow of George E. Jones.

George L. Stark was reared and educated in this county, attending the district schools and also the Boone public schools. He remained with his mother until he had attained his majority and then came to Pilot Mound to learn the barber's trade, subsequently conducting a barber shop here for twenty-three years. On the expiration of that period he removed to South Dakota and drew a claim in the Rosebud drawing, engaging in farming in that state for one year. After disposing of the property he returned to Pilot Mound, Iowa, and purchased twenty-five acres of land inside the corporation limits of the town which he has cultivated with excellent results to the present time, being widely recognized as one of the substantial and representative citizens of the community.

In July, 1892, Mr. Stark was united in marriage to Miss Margaret McKinley, a distant relative of William McKinley and a daughter of Samuel and Caroline (Bullock) McKinley, who were natives of Kentucky and Missouri respectively. They became pioneer settlers of Jackson county, Iowa, and are both now deceased. Mr. and Mrs. Stark have one child, Hazel, who is twenty years of age and is the wife of Grover Craven, an agriculturist of Pilot Mound township.

Mr. Stark is a republican in politics and has served on the town council and also in the capacity of justice of the peace, making a highly commendable record in both connections. He is a charter member of the local lodge of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows and is likewise connected with the Yeomen. His religious faith is that of the Baptist church. He has spent practically his entire life in Boone county and has long been numbered among its respected, enterprising and prosperous citizens.

CHARLES A. WHEELER.

There are many representatives of railway interests in Boone, which is a division point on the Chicago & Northwestern. This company Charles A. Wheeler now represents as passenger engineer. He has been in its service for the past thirty-eight years, or since 1876, entering railway circles as a brakeman, while subsequently he was advanced, having for the past thirty years been in the engineering department. Illinois numbers him among her native sons, his birth having occurred in Oregon, Ogle county, on the 21st of October, 1856. He is a son of Silas F. and Athelia (Mathewson) Wheeler, both of whom were natives of Wheelock, Vermont, where they were reared and married. In the early '50s they removed westward to Illinois and the father, who was a photographer by profession, conducted a studio at Rochelle for a number of years, there residing until 1862, when he removed to Lyons, Clinton county, Iowa. At that place he made his home until he returned to Vermont, in which state his wife died on the 25th of April, 1873, when forty-two years of age. The father afterward came to Iowa and passed away in Toledo, this state, in 1895, at the age of sixty-three years. The greater part of his life was devoted to photography. Mrs. Wheeler was a member of the Freewill Baptist church.

In the family were seven children, of whom three sons reached adult age, the brothers of Charles A. Wheeler being Orley T. and Merton A., both of whom became firemen on the Chicago & Northwestern Railroad and died at Boone in early manhood. Charles A. Wheeler spent his boyhood days in the Green Mountain state and attended school at Omaha and other points, but his educational opportunities were somewhat limited, for he was the oldest in the family and began to work when quite young, since which time he has been dependent entirely upon his own resources, so that whatever success he has achieved is the merited reward of his labor. For some years he worked upon a farm in the east and then turned his attention to railroading in 1876. He has since followed that pursuit and after working for some time as a brakeman he became a fireman and later was promoted to the position of engineer, in which capacity he has served for thirty years, acting as engineer in passenger service for fifteen years.

Throughout this entire time there has been no accident occasioned through any fault or negligence on his part.

In 1878 Mr. Wheeler was united in marriage to Miss Mary Windett, who died in 1890, leaving a daughter, Mary A., who is now the wife of Graham Ray of Berkeley, California. For his second wife Mr. Wheeler chose Bertha Kail, whom he wedded in 1892, and they have become parents of two children, Charles and Lois, both of whom are in school. Mrs. Wheeler was born in Wayne county, Iowa, but in young womanhood came with her parents to Boone, where she has since made her home. She belongs to the Methodist Episcopal church, and the family attend its services. Politically Mr. Wheeler is a progressive republican. He cast his first presidential vote for James G. Blaine in 1884 and gave stalwart support to the party until, believing that the progressive movement was a step in advance, he became identified therewith. He belongs to the Brotherhood of Locomotive Engineers and is the present secretary and treasurer of the local organization. He is identified with both the subordinate lodge and the Uniform Rank of the Knights of Pythias, and his wife is a member of the ladies' auxiliary of the Brotherhood of Locomotive Engineers and also of the Pythian Sisters. In these organizations both Mr. and Mrs. Wheeler have gained many warm friends.

EMORY P. WELLS.

After years of careful study along electrical lines and several years of most interesting service as wireless operator in the United States navy, Emory P. Wells is now manager of the Iowa Light & Power Company branch at Woodward, and is also at the head of the Woodward Electrical Supply Company, of which he is the proprietor. His expert knowledge in this line of business and his executive ability are the most important factors in his success.

He was born in Madrid, Iowa, February 19, 1886, and is a son of Charles Eugene and Alice A. (Williams) Wells, their other children being Vaughn H., who was born March 4, 1889, and lives in Woodward; and Gail, who was born June 25, 1895, and is attending school in Washington, D. C. The mother was born December 1, 1866, and died in Madrid, July 19, 1897. Her parents were Benjamin and Elizabeth Williams, of whom extended mention is made in another part of this work. When our subject was seven years of age the parents, who were married in 1884, removed to Boone, Iowa, where they remained until 1896, when, upon his mother becoming an invalid, he and his two brothers were taken into the home of their grandmother, Mrs. Elizabeth Williams, of Madrid. Charles E. Wells, the father, was born in Chicago, Illinois, October 31, 1861, and belongs to an old Pennsylvania family. He organized the first telephone company of Boone county and has been engaged in organizing enterprises of this sort in different parts of the United States, particularly in Kansas and Texas. At present he is president of the Hillsboro Telephone Company of Hillsboro, Oregon.

Emory P. Wells attended the public schools of Boone and Madrid and June 8, 1908, when twenty-two years of age, took the examination for a position in the

United States navy, passing the rigid standards which are demanded in order to join this splendid organization of men. He was sent from Kansas City, Missouri, to the Naval Electrical College of New York city and, completing his work there, was at once detailed at Annapolis, Maryland, for instruction in wireless telegraphy. After finishing his work he went on active duty in charge of the wireless on the U. S. S. Chicago. After completing the detail on the Chicago he was assigned under general orders to the navy yard at Norfolk, Virginia, awaiting orders to be transferred to the United States armored cruiser, Montana, Fifth Division, United States Atlantic Fleet. Shortly after going aboard the Montana, the cruiser sailed from Hampton Roads for the West Indies and South American ports, May 5, 1910. They arrived in Havana, May 11, 1910, and anchored beside the wreck of the old Maine. Continuing southward, they touched at St. Thomas, Danish West Indies, where a large supply of bay rum was taken aboard. Mr. Wells visited all of the places of historical interest in the Danish West Indies, including the castle of the famous pirate, Bluebeard. From St. Thomas they sailed for Port of Spain in order to coal and on the 28th of May passed into the equatorial dominion of Neptune Rex, where the initiatorial degree was conferred on all the landlubbers who crossed the equator for the first time. Six hundred joined the fraternity at this occasion. Mr. Wells has written a description of this mysterious initiation, recounting in detail the work which all seamen have to undergo in order to be initiated into the Royal Domain and Mysteries of the Deep. Major General Leonard Wood was on board the Montana from Hampton Roads as a special ambassador of the United States to the Argentine Republic, where an international celebration was held in Buenos Aires. Every nation was represented at this celebration. There an international boat race took place, in which the little brown men from Japan were the victors. On leaving that beautiful city the Montana stopped at Rio de Janeiro for a few days, and shore parties were made up, including Mr. Wells, who visited all the interesting places in the neighborhood of that most beautiful harbor of the world. The cruiser then returned to Hampton Roads, where stores were taken aboard, and they then proceeded to Newport, Rhode Island, on an official trip. On September 9th the Montana was made the flagship of the squadron and proceeded to Provincetown, Massachusetts, to participate in torpedo practice. Thence they sailed to Portsmouth, New Hampshire, where the ship went into dock on November 1st. At this time presidential orders were received for a high-speed trip to Panama in order to convey William Howard Taft to the canal zone. Leaving Portsmouth November 1, they proceeded to Charlestown, North Carolina, where on the 7th the president of the United States embarked, and soon the Montana stood to the south at an eighteen knot clip. The ship docked at Colon on November 14th and on the 17th the president reembarked after having transacted official business with Colonel Goethals, the famous engineer of the canal. In a few days Portsmouth navy yard was reached and the ship was laid up for repairs for a little while. They subsequently made a number of trips in order to participate in the target practice which was held on southern dueling grounds. The Montana later participated in the Hudson Fulton celebration in New York and then went to Bar Harbor, Maine, for admiral's inspection, J. Pierpont Morgan being a distinguished guest. In his many subsequent trips Mr. Wells visited all the seaports along the Atlantic coast, numerous ports in

Asia and all along the Mediterranean, and in shore parties saw many places of historical interest. For seven months he was assigned to general detail at Portsmouth and then was transferred to the Philadelphia navy yard, leaving New York, June 8, 1912. In that port he took a steamer for Galveston, Texas, in order to pay a visit to his father and brothers.

After remaining there for three months Mr. Wells and a brother came to Madrid, Iowa, and he then assumed the duties of manager of the Iowa Light & Power Company branch at Woodward, which important position he has since filled. His naval training, his experience along electrical lines and the general knowledge that comes from travel make him a most efficient manager. He is also proprietor of the Woodward Electrical Supply Company, a business which has been in existence since October 19, 1912. Mr. Wells is very popular and greatly liked by all who know him for his open-heartedness, his kindness, his modesty and also the determination with which he undertakes any enterprise upon which he centers his attention.

Mr. Wells is a member of the Iowa State Contractors Association and of the International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers. Fraternally he belongs to Peaceful Lodge, No. 454, A. F. & A. M., of Woodward. He takes a great interest in the growth and advancement of his city and county and is ever ready to support valuable public enterprises, to which he contributes materially and which he helps along with an enthusiasm that stamps him a patriotic and public-spirited citizen.

GEORGE H. REUTTER.

One of the more successful among the younger representatives of agricultural interests in Boone county is George H. Reutter, who owns and operates a valuable farm of one hundred and sixty acres on section 25, Grant township. He was born in that township on the 18th of December, 1884, a son of Jacob and Hannah (Metzger) Reutter, both of whom were natives of Wurtemberg, Germany. They emigrated to America in 1866, locating in Henry county, Illinois, where the father was engaged in farming for five years. At the end of that time he came to Boone county, Iowa, purchasing and improving a tract of land in Grant township and being busily engaged in its cultivation throughout the remainder of his active business career. He spent his declining years in well earned ease, making several trips to Germany and residing in California during the winter seasons. His demise occurred in September, 1910, while his wife passed away in April, 1905.

George H. Reutter was reared and educated in the place of his nativity and when fifteen years of age began working as a farm hand, being thus engaged for four years. Subsequently he devoted his attention to the cultivation of rented land for five years and on the expiration of that period purchased the old homestead of one hundred and sixty acres on section 25, Grant township, the operation of which has claimed his time and energies continuously since. Success has rewarded his well directed efforts, and he is today in control of a valuable

property which reflects everywhere the care and supervision he bestows upon it. He is also a stockholder in the Boxholm Hall Association.

On the 2d of May, 1906, Mr. Reutter was joined in wedlock to Miss Hannah Johnson, a daughter of William and Christina (Carlson) Johnson, both of whom were natives of Sweden. They emigrated to the United States and located in Boone county in an early day, the father devoting his attention to agricultural pursuits in Amaqua township during the remainder of his life. He passed away in 1909, and the demise of the mother occurred the following year. Unto Mr. and Mrs. Reutter have been born four children, namely: Donald L., who is seven years old; Leota H. and Delora E., who are five and three years of age respectively; and George Delmer, one year old. Mr. Reutter gives his political allegiance to the republican party, while his religious faith is that of the Evangelical Association. He occupies an enviable position in the esteem of his neighbors and friends and is widely known throughout the community in which his entire life has been spent.

CARL LUND.

Carl Lund, a representative and prosperous citizen of Ogden, has until recently been a factor in journalistic circles as editor of the Ogden Reporter, which he published in association with Edgar R. Williams. His birth occurred in Copenhagen, Denmark, on the 16th of December, 1873, his parents being Fred and Matilda Lund, likewise natives of that country. The father, a police officer of Denmark, died in his native land in 1894, but the mother still survives and resides there.

Carl Lund spent the first sixteen years of his life in Denmark and after crossing the Atlantic to the United States continued his education by attending school at Forest City, Winnebago county, Iowa, for one year. There he worked for an uncle for two years and on the expiration of that period came to Boone county, being here also employed as a farm hand for two years. Subsequently he came to Ogden and learned the printer's trade, remaining in the service of the owner of the Ogden Reporter for a period of twelve years. At the end of that time he and Edgar R. Williams purchased the paper and thereafter remained associated in its publication until they sold out on the 2d of February, 1914. Under their joint editorship the sheet had a large subscription and advertising patronage and maintained its prestige as a leading publication of the community.

Mr. Lund has been twice married. In June, 1894, he wedded Miss Emma Jones, a daughter of Mathias and Anna Jones, who were pioneer settlers of Boone county and have passed away. The child of this marriage, Anna Marie, died in August, 1913, at the age of eighteen years, after but one day's illness. The mother was called to her final rest in May, 1901, death terminating a long illness. In November, 1904, Mr. Lund was again married, his second union being with Miss Anna Wilson, a daughter of John and Octavia Wilson, who were likewise pioneer settlers of this county. John Wilson, well known as a horseman, passed away on the 9th of June, 1913, but his wife is still living here. Unto Carl and Anna (Wilson) Lund has been born a son, Boyd, who is nine years of

age. Mr. Lund gives his political allegiance to the republican party, while his religious faith is indicated by his membership in the Danish Lutheran church. He is one of the valued citizens of Ogden and is a man held in high esteem by all who know him.

ANDREW M. SUNDBERG.

Andrew M. Sundberg has been successfully engaged in the furniture and undertaking business at Madrid for nearly a third of a century and is the proprietor of one of the largest and best establishments of the kind in the county. His birth occurred in Sweden on the 25th of August, 1859, his parents being J. H. and Anna L. (Peterson) Sundberg, likewise natives of that country. The father emigrated to the United States in 1870, and the following year his wife and children joined him in the new world. The family home was maintained in Chicago, Illinois, until the fall of 1878, when they came to Boone county, Iowa, locating at Madrid, where J. H. Sundberg passed away on the 9th of April, 1908, while his wife was called to her final rest on the 20th of August, 1891. They were the parents of five children, as follows: Andrew M., of this review; Mrs. Matilda Lundahl, who is a resident of Madrid, Iowa; Oscar, also living in Madrid; Samuel, who makes his home in Garden township; and Anna, living in Madrid. The three eldest children are natives of Sweden and the two younger were born in Chicago.

Andrew M. Sundberg, who was a youth of twelve when he came with his mother to America, had begun his education in the common schools of his native land, but continued his studies in Chicago. Since the fall of 1878 he has resided continuously in Madrid, Iowa. In 1882, when a young man of twenty-three years, he embarked in the furniture and undertaking business and has conducted an establishment of that character to the present time, now carrying one of the most extensive and carefully selected stocks to be found in Boone county. He also handles carpets, rugs and linoleums and is accorded a liberal patronage that is well merited and brings him a gratifying financial income. Mr. Sundberg owns his stock and the building in which his business is conducted, this being one of the best business structures in Madrid. He likewise has personal property elsewhere in the city, is a shareholder and director of the Madrid State Bank and also owns a modern home in Madrid. He has accumulated a competency by dint of untiring industry and unfaltering perseverance and is highly respected as a self-made man whose success is the legitimate reward of his own efforts.

On the 22d of May, 1884, in Madrid, Iowa, Mr. Sundberg was united in marriage to Miss Caroline Dalander, who was born in that city on the 18th of October, 1861, her parents being Eric and Eva E. (Swanson) Dalander. The father was born in Sweden in 1814, while the mother's birth occurred in that country in 1836. Eric Dalander emigrated to the United States in 1846 and made his way directly to what is now Madrid, Boone county, Iowa, entering the land where the city now stands. He and his wife were the earliest settlers of Madrid, the latter making the first transfer of real estate in Boone county. The deed is in possession of the Madrid Historical Society. Mr. Dalander engaged in the milling business

in Madrid, operating the first steam mill at this place. His demise occurred here on the 29th of January, 1893, but his widow survives and yet makes her home in Madrid. He was twice married and by his first wife had one son, John, who is a resident of Kansas. By his second marriage he had the following children: Mrs. Annie E. Nelson, living in Madrid, Iowa; Mrs. Clara Jacobson, who is deceased; Mrs. Caroline Sundberg; E. P., who was born on the 10th of July, 1864, and now serves as postmaster of Madrid; S. A., a druggist of Madrid; Dr. C. A., who was born on the 11th of July, 1869, and died in Des Moines, Iowa, April 12, 1906; Z. W., born January 20, 1872, who resides in Madrid, this state; Minnie M., who was born on the 19th of January, 1876, and makes her home with her mother in Madrid; and Clara, who died in infancy. Mrs. Sundberg attended the common schools in the acquirement of an education and has always remained a resident of this county. By her marriage she has become the mother of five children, namely: Joseph Edwin, who was born July 12, 1885, and assists his father in the furniture business in Madrid; Mrs. Ellen Pearson, residing in Madrid, whose natal day was June 29, 1887; twin daughters who were born on the 5th of December, 1890, and have passed away; and Esther, who was born September 12, 1893, and is attending Drake University at Des Moines. These children were born and reared in Madrid and completed the course of study in the city schools.

Mr. Sundberg gives his political allegiance to the republican party and has served as a member of the town council for fifteen years, while for the past twenty years he has acted as secretary of the school board. His religious faith is indicated by his membership in St. John's Lutheran church of Madrid, to which his wife also belongs. His life in all of its phases has commanded the respect and confidence of his fellowmen, and he now ranks high among the prominent and valued citizens of Madrid and Boone county.

SAMUEL PETERSON.

Samuel Peterson is a man worthy of high regard among his fellow citizens and in Boone county, where he makes his home, he has a large circle of warm friends. His life record proves what may be accomplished when energy and determination lead the way. He was born in Sweden, March 3, 1864, and his parents, M. M. and Maria Christina Peterson, were also natives of that land. At length, thinking to have better opportunities in the new world, they sailed for the United States and established their home at Swedesburg, Henry county, Iowa, where the father followed blacksmithing for a number of years. On the expiration of that period the family came to Boone county, settling in Garden township. They were among the early families in this part of the state and with the work of agricultural progress have been closely associated. In the family were five children: Mrs. Peter Harleen, now living in Garden township; A. F., of the same township; Gustav, who makes his home in Des Moines, Iowa; Samuel, of this review; and C. J., who is living in Garden township. All were born in Sweden, but were reared in Iowa, the family having come to Boone county in 1884.

Samuel Peterson was less than three years old when the family arrived on this side the Atlantic, so that he was reared in Iowa. His parents as pioneer settlers took active part in the work of general improvement and development, and as a result of his labors Mr. Peterson converted a wild tract of land into a good farm. As his age and strength increased Samuel Peterson assisted his father more and more largely in the work of the fields. Throughout the period of his youth he attended the public schools in the winter seasons and in the summer months aided in the plowing, planting and harvesting. He has never sought to change his occupation, finding this a congenial pursuit, and he is now the owner of one hundred and sixty acres of choice land in Garden township, comprising forty acres of the old home place. He has brought his fields to a high state of cultivation, and the farm is well improved. In addition to raising the cereals best adapted to soil and climate he gives considerable attention to live stock, keeping on hand only high grade animals. He makes a specialty of Hereford cattle and for them finds a ready sale. In all of his business affairs he is thoroughly reliable as well as enterprising, and his energy and determination have constituted the basis upon which has been built his growing success.

Mr. Peterson is a public-spirited man and desires to assist in any worthy enterprise that promises to benefit the community. He has traveled extensively and is today well read, continually broadening his knowledge through travel and experience. His political support is given to the republican party, and he keeps well versed on leading questions and issues of the day. His is an attractive, well furnished home, and the position which he occupies in public regard is the result of an upright life, in which he has ever paid due regard to the rights and privileges of others.

HENRY HAGGE.

Henry Hagge is the owner of an excellent farm of one hundred and fifty-four acres on section 19, Yell township, and has continuously resided thereon from his birth to the present time. He was born in August, 1875, a son of Hans and Catherina (Keuhl) Hagge, more extended mention of whom is made on another page of this work in connection with the sketch of H. J. Hagge, brother of our subject.

Henry Hagge attended the district schools in the acquirement of an education and was reared to manhood on the home farm. He was married when in his thirty-fifth year, and his father then left the farm to take up his abode in Ogden. A year later Henry Hagge purchased the home place, comprising one hundred and fifty-four acres on section 19, Yell township, which has since remained in his possession and which he has operated with good success. It is a valuable and productive tract, equipped with modern conveniences and improvements, and its attractive appearance indicates his careful supervision and practical methods.

In January, 1910, Mr. Hagge was united in marriage to Miss Martha Markman, a daughter of William and Minnie Markman, who are natives of Germany and emigrated to the United States in 1883. The father, a miller by trade, first devoted his attention to agricultural pursuits in Kansas and later in Nebraska.

Both Mr. and Mrs. Markman are now living retired in Boone. Our subject and his wife have one child, Louise, who is three years of age.

Mr. Hagge gives his political allegiance to the democracy, believing firmly in the principles of that party. His religious faith is that of the German Lutheran church. He has won many friends in the community where his entire life has been spent and is widely recognized as a prosperous agriculturist and representative citizen.

D. B. VERNON.

D. B. Vernon has followed farming and stock-raising throughout the greater part of his life and is now living upon an excellent tract of land in Dallas county. He has always lived in this part of the state and was born in Cass township, Boone county, July 7, 1858. His father, Jesse Garwood Vernon, was a native of Fayette county, Pennsylvania, and died at Ogden, Iowa. His wife, who bore the maiden name of Melvina Peoples, was also born in the Keystone state and died at Ogden. Both represented pioneer families of Boone county and the mother's maiden name was used in the christening of Peoples township. Conditions of pioneer life were to be seen on every hand during the boyhood of D. B. Vernon, and he can recall vividly the killing of a buffalo near Woodward, as well as running with his grandfather Peoples to a high ridge from which he could see a herd of sixteen buffalo which were swiftly passing over the prairie. There were five children in the Vernon family, as follows: Mrs. Anna May Donaldson, deceased; Eva, who died at the age of sixteen years; D. B., of this review; Mrs. Della Howe, whose home is in Boone; and Myra, who died at the age of nine years.

Having arrived at years of maturity, D. B. Vernon was united in marriage in this township to Miss Clara Smith, who was born near Sycamore, DeKalb county, Illinois, December 18, 1860, and came with her parents to Iowa in 1871. Her father, A. C. Smith, was born in Windsor West, Vermont, May 27, 1838, and with his parents went to DeKalb county, Illinois, traveling by stage to Whitehall, thence on the Erie canal and by way of the Great Lakes to Chicago, from which point the party proceeded by wagon to DeKalb county, being on the way for four weeks. Mr. Smith has now long been a resident of this county and resides in a comfortable home in Woodward. His wife, who bore the maiden name of Maria J. Holcomb, was born in Cattaraugus county, New York, in 1841, and died in Ogden, Iowa, in November, 1879. The children of that marriage were: Mrs. Vernon; Marson L., who was born January 25, 1864, and now resides in Texas; Mrs. Cora Herdman, who was born December 31, 1866, and is living in Thompson, Iowa; and Mrs. Nora B. Preston, who was born October 30, 1873, and is living in Woodward. Having lost his first wife, Mr. Smith was married in Boone to Miss Emily A. Phillips, who was born at Monroe, Wisconsin, April 24, 1850, and the children of that marriage are twin daughters, Mrs. Helen G. Grimm and Ellen I. They were born July 5, 1887, and both are residents of Woodward.

Unto Mr. and Mrs. Vernon were born the following children: Jesse Miles, who is now a resident of Woodward; Raymond Asael, living in Cambridge, Iowa; William A., whose home is in Dallas county; Frank B., a resident of South Da-

kota; Mrs. Ethel Winslow, living in Woodward; Hallie M., deceased; and Mrs. Edith Dockum, whose home is in Worth county, Iowa. All of the children were born and reared in Boone county and the four youngest attended the schools of Woodward.

In starting out in business on his own account Mr. Vernon took up farming and stock-raising, which he has followed during the major portion of his life save for a short period devoted to the draying business in Woodward. In 1900 he removed to Dallas county, where he is now located. He has a productive and valuable tract of land immediately south of Woodward and he has brought his fields to a high state of cultivation, for his methods are at once practical and progressive.

Mr. Vernon gives his political allegiance to the republican party, and he belongs to Woodward Lodge, No. 460, I. O. O. F., while he and his wife are members of the Knights and Ladies of Security at Woodward. They are also members of the Methodist Episcopal church, and their well spent lives have gained them high regard, establishing them firmly in the good-will and confidence of those with whom they have been associated.

CHARLES H. THRAP.

Charles H. Thrap has made farming and stock-raising his life work and has always been a resident of Garden township, Boone county. He was born in that township, November 1, 1878, a son of Enoch H. Thrap, who was born in Vermilion county, Illinois, October 28, 1836. Having spent the first thirty years of his life in the state of his nativity, Enoch H. Thrap came to Iowa in 1866, establishing his home in Garden township. He married Barbara Luther, who was born in North Carolina, June 28, 1847. Her parents were among the earliest settlers of Boone county, having established their home within its borders in 1866. Enoch H. and Barbara (Luther) Thrap still reside on the old homestead where they located in 1866. There were six children in their family: Francis Marion, who was born May 4, 1870, and is now deceased; Clara Belle, who was born in 1871 and has passed away; Mrs. Dora Morning, who was born July 20, 1872, and now resides at Sioux Rapids, Iowa; Samuel, who was born April 9, 1874, and has departed this life; one who died in infancy; and Charles H., of this review. All were born on the old homestead in Garden township. Of this family Dora was married February 28, 1896, to Clinton Morning, and they lived near her father's home until the spring of 1912, when they removed to Sioux Rapids. They had three children, two daughters and one son, namely: Mae, who was born February 14, 1897, and is now deceased; Ethel, born December 18, 1902; and Harold Ray, born July 27, 1906.

No event of special importance occurred to vary the routine of farm life for Charles H. Thrap, who was the youngest of his father's family and spent his minority in the usual manner of farm lads. He attended the district schools and when not busy with his text-books aided his father in cultivating the fields and caring for the crops. The occupation to which he was reared he has made his life work and he has remained on the home farm.

On the 10th of September, 1902, Mr. Thrap was married to Miss Carrie E. Godfrey, who was born in Cass township, Boone county, Iowa, April 2, 1885. She attended the public schools, was reared to womanhood in this county and has always resided within its borders. Her father, Edward Godfrey, was born December 25, 1849, and married Martha Houser, whose birth occurred in Worth township, Boone county, January 20, 1852, and who represented one of the early families of this section of the state. Mr. and Mrs. Godfrey now reside in a well furnished home in Madrid. There were twelve children in their family, namely: Mrs. Mary Elizabeth McGuire, who was born March 14, 1868, and is now residing in Nebraska; Flora Belle, who was born March 8, 1870, and is deceased; Mrs. Sarah Ida Hill, who was born March 21, 1872, and lives in Colorado; Mrs. Estella Luella Beasley, who was born March 30, 1874, and is a resident of Worth township; James William, who was born March 29, 1876, and is residing in northern Iowa; John Edward, who was born June 5, 1878, and is now living in the northern part of the state; Servigna, who was born November 8, 1880, and is in Douglas township; Albert, who was born April 22, 1883, and resides at Storm Lake, Iowa; Mrs. Thrap, wife of the subject of this review; Mrs. Lillian Mae Stover, who was born March 14, 1888, and is living in northern Iowa; Chads, who was born October 30, 1891, and remains in Garden township; and Zylph, who was born June 27, 1896, and is now residing with the parents in Madrid. All were born and reared in Boone county. Mr. and Mrs. Thrap have four children: Ora Alma, who was born July 3, 1904; Hazel Florence, who was born May 14, 1908; Ralph Waldo, born November 18, 1909; and Marjorie Fern, December 26, 1913.

In his political views Mr. Thrap is independent, nor has he ever held or desired office. He has served, however, in some school offices in his township and the cause of education finds in him a stalwart friend. His time and attention he gives to his farm work and he raises a good grade of stock. Everything about the place indicates his progressive spirit. The farm is neat and thrifty in appearance and the work is diligently carried forward with the result that success in substantial measure has come to him.

CHARLES W. DANILSON.

Charles W. Danilson is one of the substantial Swedish-American residents of Cass township, owning a handsome home in Madrid and a valuable farm of one hundred and seventy-one acres on section 7, Cass township. He was born in Sweden, March 9, 1852, and received his education in that country. In 1881 he bade farewell to his home and came to America, locating in Boone county, Iowa, on May 15th of the same year. His parents were Daniel and Emma (Johansson) Johnson, natives of Sweden, who died in that country. In their family were seven children, as follows: Charles W., of this review; a son who died in infancy; Amanda, who resides in Sweden; John, of Madrid, Iowa; Edward, of Sweden; Peter, who died in Boone county; and another, who is residing in Sweden.

Upon coming to Boone county Charles W. Danilson immediately located in Madrid. There he assisted in construction work for the Milwaukee Railroad

Company, cutting trees for the contractors and doing other work of a similar character. He subsequently engaged in farming in Garden township on a place which he later purchased but which he sold in 1888, when he bought a farm in Cass township which he has now cultivated for twenty-six years. He gives considerable attention to stock-raising and has been successful along this line and in general farming. He has made a number of valuable improvements and by steady labor has enhanced the value of his property. He now owns one hundred and seventy-one acres on section 7, Cass township, and also holds title to his residence in Madrid. His sons are now assisting their father in his work and are relieving him of some of the more arduous labors connected with the cultivation of the land.

On August 16, 1876, Mr. Danilson married Miss Hulda Johnson, who was born in Sweden, July 20, 1856, and there grew to womanhood. Her parents were Carl John and Anna (Christianson) Johnson, natives of Sweden, in which country both are yet living. In their family were five children: Gustav, of Sweden; Mrs. Tilda Carlson, also of that country; a son deceased; Hulda, the wife of our subject; and Axel, deceased. To Mr. and Mrs. Danilson were born ten children: Carl, of Ogden, Iowa; John, of Canby, Minnesota; Amanda, who resides with her parents; Mrs. Mary Hubbard, of Forest City, Iowa; Mrs. Esther Akers, of Ogden; Axel, deceased; Gustav, who has also passed away; Arthur and Frederick, who assist their father with the work of the homestead; and Minnie, who resides at home. The three eldest children were born in Sweden, but the remainder are natives of Boone county. All received a common-school education in Cass township, and Frederick attended the Ogden high school for one year. He and his brother Arthur are progressive young agriculturists and are now doing valuable work in increasing the yield of the home farm.

Politically Mr. Danilson is a republican but has never been active in public affairs, although he is willing to bear his share in promoting enterprises of a general nature. He and his family are members of the Swedish Lutheran church and are devoted to that faith. Mr. Danilson has succeeded in life because he has always been industrious and thrifty and has determinedly pursued his labors until he is now numbered among the substantial residents of his township.

CHRIS WILLIAMS.

Chris Williams is successfully engaged in business as a grain merchant of Boone in association with B. M. Huntley. His birth occurred in La Salle county, Illinois, on the 30th of October, 1866, his parents being William and Cecelia (Twait) Williams, both of whom were natives of Norway. They emigrated to the United States in the early '50s, locating in Illinois, where the father followed general agricultural pursuits throughout the remainder of his life. He passed away in January, 1900, while his wife was called to her final rest in 1890.

After attaining his majority Chris Williams started out as an agriculturist, cultivating rented land for about two years. Subsequently he was engaged in general merchandising at Norway, Illinois, for one year and in 1894 removed to Stratford, Hamilton county, Iowa, where he carried on a grain business until

1909. In that year he came to Boone and for about twelve months was here engaged in the automobile business. Later he formed a partnership with B. M. Huntley and has since successfully conducted business as a grain merchant, the firm buying and shipping grain on an extensive scale.

On the 14th of April, 1897, Mr. Williams was united in marriage to Miss Maria Jackson, a native of La Salle county, Illinois, by whom he has three children, as follows: Herschel Ortho, who was born on the 6th of June, 1898; Sheldon Wesley, whose birth occurred December 18, 1902; and Marlo Cyril, whose natal day was July 13, 1907. Mr. Williams gives his political allegiance to the republican party, and his religious faith is that of the Methodist church. He is known as a steady, reliable, persevering man and whatever he undertakes he carries forward to successful completion. This reputation has made him a person on whom his associates can always depend and the permeating influence of his life is set forth in an upright character and in straightforward dealings in both social and business circles.

JAMES A. CRAIG.

James A. Craig has since 1857 been an occupant of his present farm of one hundred and sixty acres on section 36, Pleasant township. There were but eight acres broken when this property passed into the possession of his father, and since the farm has become the property of James A. Craig the work of further development and improvement has been carried steadily forward.

A native of Shelby county, Illinois, James A. Craig was born on the 5th of June, 1847, a son of Jacob F. and Elizabeth (Roberts) Craig, the former born in Franklin county, Kentucky, February 8, 1812, and the latter also a native of Kentucky, born March 18, 1818. In the year 1853 they removed from Illinois to Iowa, settling in Des Moines township, Dallas county, and the following year came to Boone county, at which time they took up their abode upon a farm in Cass township. They were among the earliest settlers of the county, for few had penetrated into this region at the time of their arrival. West of them all was open prairie, the few settlers being largely located along the Des Moines river. Elk and deer were seen frequently and wild game of all kinds was plentiful, furnishing many a meal for the early residents. In the winter months the prairies presented one unbroken and dazzling sheet of snow and in the summer months were starred with a million wild flowers. In fact, the region was just about as it came from the hand of nature, and it remained to the arduous efforts of the pioneers to transform the district into its present highly developed and prosperous condition. Following the pursuits of the farmer in Peoples township, the father there continued to make his home until his death, which occurred November 27, 1892. His widow survived him for several years, passing away in the same township August 24, 1901. There were three children in their family: Mrs. Melissa J. Mowrer, who was born April 27, 1844, and is now residing in Perry, Iowa; James A., of this review; and William, who died in Cass township in 1856.

At the usual age James A. Craig began his education and the little "temple of learning" in which he pursued his studies was one of the old log schoolhouses of

pioneer days. In the school of experience he has learned many valuable lessons. He early assumed the duties and responsibilities of life and remained with his parents, caring for them until they were called to the home beyond. He has always followed farming and stock-raising as a life work, but in 1901 largely retired from active business, spending much of his time at Woodward, from which place he directs the further development and cultivation of his farm, and also spending some of his time at the home of his sister in Perry, Iowa. He has been very successful and through capable management, unfaltering diligence and intelligently directed effort has secured a gratifying competence.

In his political views Mr. Craig has been an earnest republican since casting his first presidential ballot for U. S. Grant. He has never seen occasion to change his party allegiance, for he believes that the platform of the republican party contains the best elements of good government. He was at one time a member of the Independent Order of Good Templars, connected with the lodge at Xenia, Dallas county. He is broad-minded, liberal and optimistic. From a humble beginning in the business world he has through his own efforts worked his way steadily upward, accumulating a sufficient amount of this world's goods to enable him to enjoy life at the present without extended recourse to further labor.

AUGUST PETERSON.

August Peterson, who resides in Madrid, owns thirty acres of valuable land adjoining his home and seventy-three and a half acres in section 29, Garden township. His farm is one of the best improved in that part of the county and its buildings and barns are kept in the best of condition. He is a most successful farmer and still actively looks after his farm although residing in the city.

Mr. Peterson was born in Sweden, October 19, 1850, and in that country spent his boyhood and received his education. His parents were Christ and Johanna Peterson, also natives of Sweden, the former born in 1817 and the latter in 1820. Both died in Madrid, in 1873, within three days. Their three children were born in Sweden, as follows: Mrs. Anna Sundberg, who passed away in Madrid; Mrs. Mary Krantz, a resident of that city; and August, of this review.

The last named came to America in 1869, the remainder of the family coming in the following year. They settled in Swede Point and there Mr. Peterson began work as a farm hand. When they arrived in Boone county the country was comparatively unsettled and pioneer conditions still prevailed. On reaching America Mr. Peterson was practically without funds but by perseverance and industry has secured a gratifying competence. He not only owns a comfortable home in Madrid and thirty acres of valuable land but his farm in Garden township is one of the best improved properties in Boone county, giving evidence of his excellent management. He has always followed the most modern methods and by perseverance, industry, and good judgment, has attained to a substantial position in his community. When Mr. Peterson began work as a

farm hand he received ten dollars per month and that he has since achieved prosperity is due entirely to his own efforts. His home in Madrid is not only modern and up-to-date, but is handsomely and comfortably furnished, and he and his wife are surrounded with all conveniences that money can buy.

On September 3, 1874, August Peterson married Miss Clara Alsin, who was born in Madrid and died there, January 11, 1883. She was a daughter of John and Margaret (Olson) Alsin, natives of Sweden, who passed away in Madrid. They came to America in 1864 and lived in Swede Point for a short time. The father then purchased a farm in Garden township and met with success in its cultivation. They had seven children: Mrs. Coleman, of Omaha, Nebraska; John, a resident of Boone; Peter, who also resides there; Clara, who married August Peterson; Mrs. Hulda Newman, of Garden township; Mrs. Anna Orth, of Denver, Colorado; and Carl A., who is mentioned elsewhere in this work. Five of the children were born in Sweden and the younger ones in Garden township. Mr. and Mrs. Peterson had one son and one daughter: Mrs. Hattie Matilda Clark, who was born July 28, 1876, and resides in Canada; and Adolph, who was born August 11, 1882, and lives in Boone.

On December 19, 1883, Mr. Peterson again married, his second union being with Miss Christina Albertine Alsin, a cousin of his first wife, who was born in New Sweden, Jefferson county, Iowa, January 30, 1860. Her parents were Peter A. and Caroline (Stephenson) Alsin, natives of Sweden, the former born in 1827 and the latter in 1840. The father came to America in 1852 and was one of the pioneers of this state. He removed to Boone county in 1868 and in 1892 made his home in Madrid, where he died in 1911. His wife came to America with her parents in 1849, the family settling in Henry county, Iowa, and she now makes her home in Madrid. She bore her husband seven children, as follows: Frank A., deceased; Mary and Christina Albertine, twins, the former deceased; Mrs. Tillie Isaacson, of Madrid; C. P., of Garden township; Joseph E., deceased, and Mrs. Susie Johnson, of Madrid. All the children were reared in Garden township and there attended the common schools. Mrs. Peterson came with her parents through Des Moines to Garden township in 1868. She has become the mother of three sons: Clarence Augustus, born February 1, 1885, attended the common schools and died in Madrid, February 8, 1908; Clayton Marion, born April 26, 1888, is now a successful merchant in Madrid. He secured an excellent education, graduating from the Madrid high school with the class of 1906; Joseph Harold, born March 16, 1891, completed the high school course and subsequently attended the Iowa State Teachers' College. He is now a civil engineer with the Milwaukee Railroad Company and resides with his parents.

Mr. Peterson is a progressive republican, his views being thoroughly in accord with the ideals of that wing of the party. He has always taken a deep interest in community affairs and has been ever ready to give moral and material support to enterprises which give promise of resulting in good to his city and county. He was one of the first councilmen of Madrid, was town assessor for twelve years, a member of the board of education for about seventeen years and for twenty years served as street commissioner. In these various offices he has done much good for his city. Mr. and Mrs. Peterson are members of the Lutheran church and actively interested in its work. He is not connected with any fraternal organizations, but his two sons are members of the Modern Woodmen of America. Mr.

Peterson stands high in the esteem and respect of his fellow citizens, who appreciate what he has accomplished and those qualities of his character which have made possible his success.

LLOYD D. PAYNE.

Lloyd D. Payne, a retired farmer living at No. 924 First street, Boone, was born in Boonesboro, this county, the 30th of November, 1856, his parents being James R. and Mary Martha (Devore) Payne, further mention of whom is made in the sketch of S. B. Payne. The mother was born in Richland county, Ohio, a daughter of James P. and Mary (Tomlinson) Devore. Both the Devore and Tomlinson families came originally from that section of the country comprising the states of Maryland, Virginia and Delaware. Both are well known and their representatives are now found throughout the middle west. The Paynes were planters in Virginia and the great-great-grandfather of our subject came from Ireland. The grandfather on the paternal side was Benjamin Coleman Payne, a native of Dumfries, Virginia, and a soldier of the War of 1812. He became a resident of Cumberland, Maryland, where James P. Payne, father of our subject, was born. Benjamin C. Payne later removed to Clay county, Indiana, where he settled on a farm heavily timbered with black walnut, which it was necessary to clear before beginning agricultural operations. After his removal to Boone he engaged in mercantile pursuits for a time but was eventually compelled to close out his business. He also kept a tavern in Boone, which was a stopping place for travelers in that early day. The structure was in keeping with the time, being built of logs, and it stood just west of the present courthouse. James R. Payne, father of our subject, came to Boone in 1854 with an ox team and mowed the grass from the present site of the courthouse.

Lloyd D. Payne grew to manhood in Worth township, his father becoming the owner of a farm on section 12 in 1856. Our subject attended the school of that township in the acquirement of his education, but there were then no organized districts and the neighbors simply banded together and built a school-house, which was located on a piece of swamp land in what is now Colfax township, then belonging to the United States government. Among his early teachers were James Boggs; Mr. Houston; Mary E. Bush, the wife of E. E. Chandler; and Wesley Tout. During the winter of 1872-73 Mr. Payne attended the Excelsior school in Colfax township and later went to the Grayson school, which was located in Worth township and which was taught by Frank Wiley. The first school he attended was named by his father, who called it Fairview, because of the fine view of it to be obtained from the home farm. Our subject left school at the age of twenty, but remained at home until twenty-one, aiding with the work of the homestead. He then went to farming for his father by the month, receiving thirteen dollars, together with board and laundry. He worked thus for nine months and still has sixty dollars which he saved from his earnings. He then began farming independently on eighty acres located on section 28, Jackson township, and kept bachelor's hall for a time, but was later married. He continued to reside upon his farm for a little more than eighteen

years, during which time he made it one of the best improved places of the locality. On his retirement he removed to Boone, his energy and up-to-date methods of farming, together with his faculty for saving, having secured him a competence.

On the 27th of August, 1894, Mr. Payne was united in marriage to Mrs. Frances F. (Clarke) Holbrook, who was born in Connecticut and when a young woman of eighteen removed with her parents to Cedar county, Iowa, thence to Boonesboro, where her father followed his trade as house mover and where he passed away. Mrs. Payne is now a member of the First Presbyterian church, which her husband also attends, but for a number of years she was a member of the Congregational church.

Mr. Payne is a republican in politics, giving his unfailing support to that organization. He relates many interesting incidents of his boyhood when conditions in this county were largely those of the pioneer section. He contributed much to the agricultural development of the county and is well entitled to the life of ease which is now his.

Mr. Payne often speaks of the schools and teachers of his boyhood days at the old Fairview schoolhouse in Colfax township and of the old parental home in that vicinity. Mr. and Mrs. Payne are the possessors of considerable property and money. Their real estate consists of a good eighty acre farm five miles east of Boone and a six thousand dollar residence in the city of Boone just across the street west of the Eleanor Moore Hospital. As Mr. and Mrs. Payne have no children they have made a deed of this property to the Eleanor Hospital Association, by which it is to become the property of the same at the death of the grantees. The deed provides that when the hospital association shall take possession of the property conveyed, it shall use the premises and the building on the same for a nurse house for the sick and afflicted and that it shall be called "*The Payne Nurse House.*"

CHARLES D. HARLOW.

Although Charles D. Harlow is now directing his extensive business affairs from Des Moines, where he resides, he is widely and favorably known in Boone county and particularly Cass township, where he was born July 10, 1872. For many years Mr. Harlow was connected with the lumber business, later turning his attention to coal mining. He is today one of the chief stockholders of the Phillips Coal Company and also has many other interests, owning valuable farm lands in this and other counties of Iowa, besides a tract in Alabama. Charles D. Harlow is a son of Abner and Mary E. (Waldo) Harlow, the former a native of Ohio, who is now residing near Woodward, Iowa. Mrs. Harlow died in 1906. They were among the earlier families of Boone county and the father yet lives on a portion of the old home farm in Cass township. In their family were ten children, nine sons and one daughter, all of whom were reared in this county.

Charles D. Harlow passed his youth in Cass township, acquiring his education in the local schools. His schooling was terminated on account of his health, and

at an early age he entered active business life. He followed farming until 1889 and then moved to Racine, Wisconsin, where he was connected with a wholesale and retail lumbering business. He remained in Wisconsin until 1895 and, having thoroughly mastered the details of the business, then engaged independently in the same, operating a retail yard at Woodward. There he continued with great success for eleven years or until 1906. At the same time he secured valuable options on coal lands adjacent to Scandia and perceiving the vast possibilities in this business, then organized the Phillips Coal Company of the latter place. They now have leased twenty-eight hundred acres of valuable lands along the Des Moines river, and Mr. Harlow is still one of the chief stockholders in the concern, the prosperous condition of which is largely to be ascribed to his executive ability and farsighted judgment. Mr. Harlow is one of the most successful of the younger generation of business men of Boone county. In 1913 he purchased a modern home at No. 2703 Kingman boulevard, Des Moines, and now conducts his many business interests from there. Mr. Harlow has valuable farm holdings, owning three hundred and forty acres of well improved land in Boone county and twenty acres in Dallas county. He also holds title to one hundred and forty-two acres in Van Buren county, a farm with excellent improvements, which he recently purchased. Moreover, he is the owner of forty acres near Mobile, Alabama.

In 1900 Mr. Harlow married in Perry, Iowa, Martha J. McCracken, who was born in Woodward, August 15, 1876. There she attended the high school and grew to womanhood. Her parents were John W. and Alice (Biggs) McCracken, the former a resident of Woodward and the latter deceased, having passed away in that city in 1895. They had three daughters: Mrs. J. E. Wilson, of Perry, Iowa; Mrs. Harlow and Mrs. Fay Scimmons, of Missoula, Montana. All were reared and educated in Woodward. Mr. and Mrs. Harlow have one daughter, Dorothy Alice, who was born in Woodward, May 28, 1901, and is now attending school in Des Moines. She will enter the high school in 1915. Miss Harlow has a remarkably sweet voice and has sung on various occasions before the public, although yet quite young. She gives promise of rare accomplishments as a vocal artist and embodies in her all the qualities which make for a great singer.

Politically Mr. Harlow is a democrat, thoroughly conversant with the issues of the day and deeply interested in the welfare of his party. Fraternally he is a member of Peaceful Lodge, No. 454, A. F. & A. M., of Woodward, Iowa, and has held all the offices in the same. He also belongs to the Independent Order of Odd Fellows of Woodward. Mrs. Harlow is a member of the Church of Christ of that city. Mr. Harlow is typical of the modern American business man, ably taking advantage of opportunities as they present themselves, yet he is always considerate of the interests of others and earnestly public-spirited, ever ready to give his support to valuable measures undertaken to promote the general welfare.

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